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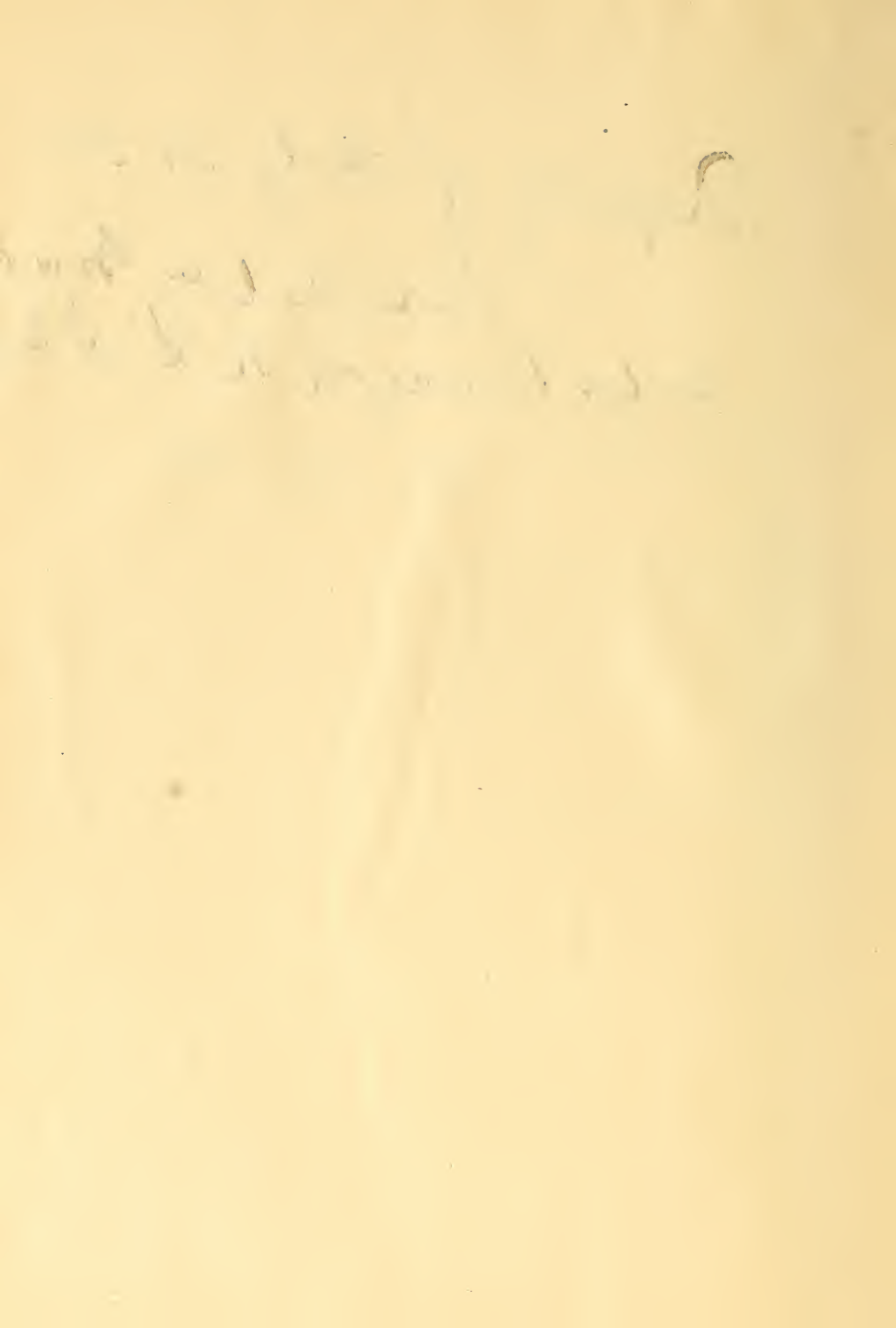
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Knights of Pythias Iowa Grand Lodge

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa.

IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER AUGUST 15, 1895.

THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, the source of all authority in the Order of the Knights of Pythias in the Domain of Iowa, doth ordain and establish this GRAND CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—TITLE.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Iowa, existing by virtue of a charter duly and regularly issued by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

ARTICLE II.—THE GRAND LAW.

SECTION 1. This Constitution and the Laws enacted by the Grand Lodge not in conflict therewith, shall be the Grand Law of the Order of Knights of Pythias of this Domain.

ARTICLE III.—COMPOSITION.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all who have attained the Grand Lodge Rank and are in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain.

ARTICLE IV.—STRUCTURE OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Order in the Domain of Iowa shall be constituted as follows:

Paragraph 1. A Grand Government.

Par. 2. Such Subordinate Lodges as possess Charters or Warrants legally granted by the Grand Lodge which have not been suspended or revoked.

ARTICLE V.—THE GRAND GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The Grand Government for the Domain of Iowa shall consist of three independent, co-ordinate departments, viz: A Legislative Department, an Executive Department and a Judicial Department.

ARTICLE VI.—THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The legislative powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in the Grand Lodge, which shall be composed of:

Paragraph 1. All Past Grand Chancellors in good standing in the Grand Lodge and in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.

Par. 2. Its officers, as designated in this Constitution.

Par. 3. The Grand Representatives, legally elected or appointed.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Chancellor, a Grand Vice-Chancellor, a Grand Prelate, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a Grand Master of Exchequer, a Grand Master at Arms, a Grand Inner Guard and a Grand Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually, as provided by law, and shall hold office for the term of one official year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed; also a Board of six Trustees, two of whom shall be elected annually for the term of three years; *provided*, the Trustees now holding office shall hold to the expiration of their term. Any Past Chancellor in good standing in any Lodge in this Domain, and in possession of the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be eligible to any office in the gift of the Grand Lodge, except Supreme Representative.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge shall, at its regular convention in 1895, elect two Supreme Representatives, and biennially thereafter two Supreme Representatives. In addition thereto there shall be elected at the annual convention in 1895, one Supreme Representative to serve two years.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Grand Representative, and to one additional Grand Representative for every fifty members thereof, and the Grand Representative or Grand Representatives present will be entitled to cast the number of votes to which each lodge is entitled, as shown by the report of the Subordinate Lodge for the term ending June 30th each year; *provided*, that the Grand Lodge shall only pay for the attendance of one Representative from each Lodge.

SEC. 5. Past Chancellors in good standing only, shall be eligible to election to the office of Grand Representative.

SEC. 6. At the first regular meeting in July, Subordinate Lodges shall elect their Grand Representative for the term of one year.

SEC. 7. A Grand Representative must be a Past Chancellor in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge within this Domain. Should a Grand Representative cease to be in good standing in, or cease to be a member of his Subordinate Lodge, then, or in either of such cases, his rights as Grand Representative shall cease and determine, and a vacancy shall be held to exist in such position.

SEC. 8. All Past Chancellors in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges, who have received the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be admitted to the conventions of the Grand Lodge, and shall be eligible to appointment as members of all Committees thereof.

SEC. 9. All Past Chancellors shall have a right to debate on all questions before the Grand Lodge, but shall not be entitled to a vote, unless they are officers thereof, or the accredited Grand Representative of a Subordinate Lodge of this Domain.

SEC. 10. The regular conventions of the Grand Lodge shall be held annually on the second Wednesday in August, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., at such place as may have been designated at the preceding regular convention; *provided*, that if the place is not so designated, the convention shall be held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa; *provided*, also, that should any public calamity or imperative exigency so require, the Grand Chancellor, by and with the consent of a majority of the officers of the Grand Lodge, may designate a different time or place at which such convention shall be held.

SEC. 11. A quorum of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seventy-five Grand Representatives; *provided*, that fifty Grand Representatives may receive and act upon certificates and credentials, and any number may meet and adjourn from day to day.

SEC. 12. The following powers are reserved to the Grand Lodge, viz:

Paragraph 1. To pass upon and determine all questions relative to the qualifications and election of its members.

Par. 2. To enact laws for its own government and protection, and to prescribe rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.

Par. 3. To prescribe the powers and duties of its committees.

Par. 4. To prescribe the powers and duties of its officers, except as they may be fixed by the Ritual, the Supreme and this Constitution.

Par. 5. To provide by law a revenue for the Grand Government.

Par. 6. To make appropriations of money for the maintenance of the Grand Government.

Par. 7. To define offenses against the Grand Law, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Par. 8. To provide by law for the compilation, publication and enforcement of the decrees of the Grand Tribunal.

Par. 9. To provide by law for the institution of Subordinate Lodges within this Domain and to enact laws for their government.

Par. 10. To grant charters to Subordinate Lodges within this Domain and to provide by law for the issue, revocation, suspension, restoration and reissue of such charters.

Par. 11. To enact such laws as shall secure the conformity of the By-Laws of all Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Law.

Par. 12. To require from Subordinate Lodges within this Domain such reports as may be required by law.

Par. 13. To require from any officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge, such reports, credentials or certificates as may be prescribed by law.

Par. 14. To prescribe by law what shall constitute good standing in the Order, except as provided by Supreme law.

Par. 15. To enact laws for the promotion of the general welfare of the Order in this Domain.

Par. 16. To enact laws which shall be necessary to carry into execution all powers vested in this Grand Government by the Supreme Constitution or any amendment thereof.

Par. 17. To exercise all power and authority not reserved to the Supreme Government or prohibited thereby.

SEC. 13. The Grand Lodge may by law provide for the impeachment and removal from office of the Grand Councillor or a Grand Tribune, and for the trial and removal from office of any officer of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Chancellor; it may define the offenses for which such proceedings or either of them will lie, but judgments in such cases shall not extend beyond removal from office and disqualification to hold office in the Order thereafter. In all cases, removal from office, or removal from and disqualification to hold office, shall require the affirmative vote, by yeas and nays, of two-thirds of all the members of the tribunal which shall have been established for the trial thereof; *provided*, that conviction shall not preclude or prevent the trial of the party for the same offense in any other tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction.

SEC. 14. All laws enacted by the Grand Lodge shall be of general application, shall be formulated as statutes and shall be styled Grand Statutes, and when introduced and while under consideration shall be styled propositions.

SEC. 15. A proposition shall embrace not more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

SEC. 16. A proposition, which provides for the repeal or amendment of a statute, shall recite in its title the statute to be repealed or amended.

SEC. 17. A proposition shall not become a statute until it shall first have been referred to and reported on by the appropriate committee and passed by the affirmative majority vote of all the members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote.

SEC. 18. The enacting clause of every proposition shall be as follows: "*Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa,*" and shall precede or be a part of the first section of such proposition

SEC. 19. All statutes shall take effect thirty days after their passage, unless therein otherwise provided.

SEC. 20. The resolving clause of every resolution shall be as follows: "*Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa.*"

SEC. 21. A Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be kept, and published in such manner as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, and such Journal shall be *prima facie* evidence of all acts of the Grand Lodge therein chronicled.

ARTICLE VII.—THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The Executive powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Chancellor, who shall be elected and shall hold his office as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. In case of the removal from office, of the Grand Chancellor, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the duties of said office the same shall devolve on the Grand Vice-Chancellor.

SEC. 3. In case of death, resignation, removal from office or inability of both the Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor, the vacancies shall be filled as the Grand Lodge may by law provide.

SEC. 4. The Grand Chancellor shall enforce the Supreme and Grand Laws, and the decrees of the Supreme and Grand Tribunals.

SEC. 5. Except when otherwise provided by law, the Grand Chancellor shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in any office of the Grand Lodge which may occur during its recess.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chancellor may, as provided by law, appoint and commission Deputy Grand Chancellors, and one Deputy at Large, whose duties and compensation shall be fixed by law.

SEC. 7. The Grand Chancellor, at each regular convention of the Grand Lodge, shall present to it a report of all his official acts during its recess. His report shall contain information in regard to the state of the Order, and such recommendations as he may deem necessary and expedient.

SEC. 8. The Grand Chancellor may call special conventions of the Grand Lodge in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 9. The Grand Chancellor, during the recess of the Grand Lodge shall have authority to grant, in the manner provided by law, Warrants for the institution of Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and Warrants so granted shall be in force until suspended or revoked in the manner provided by law, or superseded by Charters legally granted.

SEC. 10. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant such Dispersations as the Grand Lodge may authorize by law.

SEC. 11. The Grand Chancellor shall require the execution and delivery to him of the bonds which may by law be required of officers of the Grand Lodge, and he shall be the custodian of such bonds.

SEC. 12. The Grand Chancellor shall promulgate the *pass words* of the Order in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 13. The Grand Chancellor shall perform such other duties as may be provided by the Supreme and Grand Law.

SEC. 14. The Grand Chancellor shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may provide by law.

ARTICLE VIII.—THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The judicial powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in one Grand Tribunal.

Paragraph 1. The Grand Tribunal shall consist of five Tribunes, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Par. 2. The Tribunes shall select, as provided by law, one of their number who shall preside as Chief Tribune.

Par. 3. Every decision of the Grand Tribunal shall require a concurrence of three Tribunes.

SEC. 2. The Tribunes shall be nominated by the Grand Chancellor as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, which nominations shall require for confirmation the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote.

Paragraph 1. Each Tribune, at the date of his selection and during the term of his service, shall be a Past Chancellor in good standing.

Par. 2. A Tribune shall not hold the position of Supreme or Grand Representative or any office in the Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodge during the term of his service, nor exercise any of the functions of a member of the legislative department.

Par. 3. The term of each Tribune shall be five years; *provided*, that the terms of the five Tribunes first appointed shall be, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

Par. 4. Each Tribune shall receive a compensation to be fixed by the Grand Lodge.

Par. 5. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Grand Tribunal, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall fill the same by appointment, until the next annual convention.

Par. 6. The Grand Lodge may, by law, provide for the appointment of a special Tribune in any cause in which a regular Tribune shall be unable to attend, or incompetent to serve.

SEC. 3. The Grand Tribunal shall have jurisdiction as follows:

Paragraph 1. It shall have exclusive jurisdiction of controversies between Subordinate Lodges of this Domain.

Par. 2. It shall have original but not exclusive jurisdiction in this Domain, of controversies wherein non-conformity to, violation of, or the construction of the Supreme or Grand Law are complained of, or are in question.

Par. 3. It shall have appellate jurisdiction both as to law and fact.

SEC. 4. Cases may be carried to the Grand Tribunal by Appeal or Writ of Error, under such rules of procedure as the Grand Lodge may by law provide.

SEC. 5. The right of appeal to the Grand Tribunal shall extend to all cases, with such exceptions and under such restrictions and regulations as the Grand Lodge may by law prescribe.

SEC. 6. The Grand Tribunal shall hold regular and special sessions as may be provided by the Grand Statutes.

SEC. 7. The Grand Tribunal may adopt and enforce rules of practice and procedure for the conduct and dispatch of its business.

SEC. 8. The Grand Tribunal may appoint a Recorder, who shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law.

ARTICLE IX.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. A Subordinate Lodge shall be instituted only as may be provided by law, and shall exist only by virtue of a Warrant or Charter issued in accordance therewith; it shall consist of not less than fifteen members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; it shall have and exercise subordinate Pythian authority and control over such territory as may be prescribed by law, subject to the laws established by the Supreme and this Grand Government. Two or more Subordinate Lodges may be given concurrent territorial jurisdiction when located in the same city or town or other contiguous territory.

SEC. 2. The ritualistic officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as designated in the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. They shall be nominated, elected and installed, and vacancies in office shall be filled as provided by law. The official terms of such officers shall be one year from January 1st, or until their successors are elected and installed.

SEC. 3. A Subordinate Lodge may elect or appoint such Trustees or other non-ritualistic officers as may be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall display its Warrant or Charter in the Lodge room whenever in session.

SEC. 5. No meeting for the transaction of business or work shall be held, and no excursion or entertainment shall be had by a Subordinate Lodge on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

SEC. 6. The Ranks of Knighthood shall be attained and conferred only in accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Law. The conditions of eligibility to such Ranks shall be uniform, and as fixed by the Supreme Statutes. The fees for the Ranks of Knighthood shall not be less than

fifteen dollars, and the fee for membership by deposit of card shall be such as the By-Laws of the Lodge may prescribe; *provided*, that the fee for the Charter members of a new Lodge shall not be less than ten dollars for the three Ranks.

SEC. 7. Membership in a Subordinate Lodge may be obtained only as provided by the Supreme Law. Every person claiming the rights, benefits and privileges of the Order must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge.

SEC. 8. Each Subordinate Lodge shall provide for and pay, upon the death of a member thereof in good standing, a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the power to determine for itself whether it will pay weekly benefits to its members and the amount thereof.

SEC. 9. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have By-Laws for its own government, which shall be in conformity to the Supreme and Grand Law and to the decisions of the Supreme and Grand Tribunals, but a Subordinate Lodge shall not enact or enforce any By-Law which shall abridge the rights or privileges secured to a member of the Order by the Supreme or Grand Law.

ARTICLE X.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. All legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge in force prior to the adoption of this Constitution, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. So much of this Constitution as confers upon the Grand Tribunal the judicial functions and powers heretofore exercised by the Grand Lodge and by the Grand Chancellor, shall take effect upon the adjournment of the regular convention of the Grand Lodge in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 3. So much of this Constitution as is contained in Section 17, Article VI, requiring that propositions shall be referred to and reported on by a Committee, shall not take effect until the annual convention of the Grand Lodge in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution consistent with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, at any regular annual convention of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present entitled to vote; *provided*, that all such amendments shall be proposed in writing, at least one day before action thereon, and no amendment shall be voted upon at the same annual convention, when proposed, except by unanimous consent and when signed by ten Grand Representatives.

Provided, also, that when at any time, any provision of this Constitution may be found to be in conflict with the Supreme Law, then the notice and consent contemplated in the preceding proviso shall not be requisite.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

DES MOINES, IOWA, July 15, 1895.

To C. E. Pickett, Grand Chancellor, and to the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Domain of Iowa, Knights of Pythias :

The Committee appointed at the session of the Grand Lodge in August, 1894, to revise and codify the Subordinate and Grand Lodge Constitutions, beg leave to submit the following report :

The Supreme Lodge having materially changed the organization of the Supreme Body, and having adopted a Constitution and Statutes which should be followed by this Domain, and which have been followed by all the Domains that have held sessions since the Supreme Lodge enactments took effect, it has been found that this committee could only prepare a revision of the Constitution, which revision we beg to submit herewith.

The Grand Chancellor has authorized this committee to prepare and present to the Grand Lodge at its annual convention in 1895 Statutes which will embody all the necessary legislation in addition to this Constitution. It is impossible to formulate those Statutes and print them previous to the meeting of the Grand Body, for the reason that many of the Domains have just completed their Statutes, and the time necessary to fully develop all the Statutes required has not been at the disposal of the Committee, and to print all of the Statutes which are necessary would entail a very large expense, which the Committee does not feel like burdening the Grand Body with at this time. The report of this Committee, containing all of the Statutes which the members thereof feel authorized to submit, and which will be deemed sufficient for the guidance and control of this Domain and the Subordinate Lodges therein, will be filed with the Grand Lodge on the morning of the first day of the coming session.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. PARK, *Chairman.*

E. W. WEEKS,

H. T. GRANGER,

J. U. SAMMIS,

Committee.

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GRAND STATUTES.

ENACTING CLAUSE.

In Force from and after August 15, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa:

That the following Code of Statutes shall constitute and be known as the Grand Statutes of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, and shall be designated and cited by the words, "Grand Statutes," adding the number of Title, Chapter and Section when necessary, and as such are hereby adopted and shall become the laws of the Order, to take effect from and after the adoption of this enacting clause, except such parts thereof as to which a different provision is made therein.

All laws of a general nature in force when the Grand Statutes take effect, are hereby repealed, except as follows:

The adoption of the Grand Statutes and the repeal of existing laws therein provided for, shall not effect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any right established, accrued or accruing, before the Grand Statutes take effect; but when a penalty or forfeiture is mitigated by the Grand Statutes, such provision may be extended and applied to any conviction or judgment pronounced after said repeal; nor shall such appeal affect any prosecution or charges pending at the time it takes effect, for any offense committed under any of the provisions of a law repealed, except that the proceedings therein shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to the provisions of the Grand Statutes.

When a period of time, prescribed in any law repealed, for acquiring a right or barring a remedy, or for any other purpose, has begun to run, and the same or a similar limitation is prescribed in the Grand Statutes, the time of limitation shall continue to run, and shall have the like effect as if the whole period had begun and ended under the operation of the Grand Statutes.

The provisions of the Grand Statutes, so far as they are the same as existed prior to the adoption of the Grand Statutes, shall be construed as a continuation of such laws, and not as new enactments.

An official copy of the Grand Statutes shall be deposited and kept in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which record shall be an authentic record of such laws.

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CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION.

1. The State of Iowa. The Grand Lodge, subject to the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, is the source of all authority in the Order of Knights of Pythias within the State of Iowa.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO THE GRAND CHANCELLOR AND DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES.

2. Paragraph 1. General Supervision. The Grand Chancellor shall have and exercise general supervision over the Order in this Domain. He shall enforce obedience to all constitutional and statutory enactments, rules and edicts of the Supreme or Grand Lodge, and require that the work and discipline of the Order in this Domain shall be legal and uniform.

Par. 2. Enforce Decrees and Mandates. He shall, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, have authority to enforce the mandates and decrees of the Grand Tribunal, and such other reasonable and necessary orders as he may believe to be for the best interest of the Order. All orders

made or commands given by him, not in conflict with existing laws shall be respected and have the same effect as the enactments of the Grand Lodge, and shall remain in force until reversed, set aside or countermanded by the Grand Lodge.

Par. 3. Preside. He shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge preserve order therein, and enforce the laws and rules governing the same.

Par. 4. Appoint Officers. He shall appoint Grand Officers *pro tem*, in case of the temporary absence or disqualification of any officer.

Par. 5. Render Opinions. He shall render an opinion on any question of law or usage: *provided*, the same is asked by a Subordinate Lodge under the seal thereof.

Par. 6. Grant Warrants. He may grant warrants for the organization of Subordinate Lodges, when a petition therefor has been approved by him; institute the same in person, or by Deputy Grand Chancellor to be by him specially appointed for that purpose, and report such warrants and institution to the Grand Lodge at its next annual convention thereafter.

Par. 7. Dispensations. He may grant dispensations to the Subordinate Lodges in case of emergency, in all such matters as he may consider to be to the interest of the Order, not inconsistent with the usage or in conflict with the Supreme or Grand Law.

Par. 8. Visits. He shall visit in person, or by Deputy, to be by him specially appointed, such Subordinate Lodges as the good of the Order may require.

Par. 9. Install Officers, He shall install in person or by Deputy Grand Chancellor, or some Past Chancellor, the officers-elect of all Subordinate Lodges.

Par. 10. Exemplify Secret Work. He shall exemplify the secret work of the Order in person, or by Deputy, whenever necessary. When the same is requested by any Lodge, his actual traveling expenses shall be paid by the Lodge making the request.

Par. 11. Appoint Committees. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge.

Par. 12. Sign Orders. He shall sign all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, authorized by the Grand Lodge, and all other documents requiring his official signature.

Par. 13. Report in Writing to Grand Lodge. He shall submit to each annual convention of the Grand Lodge, at the opening thereof, a printed report of the state of the Order of this Domain, together with such information and suggestions as, in his opinion, the good of the Order may require.

Par. 14. General Power. He shall generally do and perform all the duties prescribed for his office by the laws and requirements of the Grand and the Supreme Lodge.

Par. 15. Revoke Warrants and Charters. He shall declare the warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge revoked or suspended in all cases provided by the Supreme or Grand Law for such revocation or suspension.

Par. 16. Official Seal. He shall have an official seal, which he shall attach to all official papers, documents, or orders emanating from his office, and not properly coming within the province of the official seal of the Grand Lodge, which may be legally used by him in impress, or in imprint counterpart.

Par. 17. Appoint Standing Committees After Installation. He shall, as soon as practicable after his installation, appoint from the members of the Grand Lodge the following standing committees, consisting of five members each, whose term of service shall continue until the close of the next annual convention thereafter.

1. A Committee on Judiciary.
2. A Committee on Credentials.
3. A Committee on State of the Order and Fraternal Correspondence.
4. A Committee on By-Laws.
5. A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.
6. A Committee on Printing.

Par. 18. Appoint Other Standing Committees at Opening of Convention. He shall appoint at the opening session of the first day of the Grand Lodge, the following standing committees, consisting of five members each, whose term of service shall continue during the convention at which they are appointed:

1. A Committee on Distribution of Officers' Reports.
2. A Committee on Grievances.
3. A Committee on Reports and Returns of Subordinate Lodges.
4. A Committee on Warrants and Charters.
5. A Committee on Rules.

Par. 19. Visit, Preside Over and Convene Lodges. He shall visit lodges in person or by deputy and may convene and preside over any Subordinate Lodge whenever he may believe it for the best interests of the Order.

Par. 20. Appoint Deputy Grand Chancellors. He shall appoint and commission, subject to revocation, a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge.

Par. 21. Appoint Other Deputies. He may appoint a deputy or deputies to aid and assist him in enforcing the laws of the Order or in carrying out their provisions.

Par. 22. Appoint Deputy at Large. He shall appoint a deputy who shall be known and recognized as "Deputy at Large."

Par. 23. Shall Not Delegate Authority. He shall not delegate to another any authority given him by these statutes that requires the use

of his discretion; *provided*, he may permit the Deputy at Large in visiting lodges to take up the charters or advise with the members of the lodge as to the needs thereof; and, *provided further*, that a Deputy Grand Chancellor may issue dispensations as provided in sections 44 and 49 of the Statutes of this Domain.

Par. 24. Ritualistic Duties. He shall perform such other duties as are required by the Rituals of the Order and the laws and statutes now in force or that may be hereafter enacted.

Par. 25. Salary. The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Chancellor shall receive the sum of twelve hundred dollars per fiscal year for his services as such officer, to be paid in equal installments at the end of each month.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO THE GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR AND DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES.

3. Have Charge of Inner Door and Fill Office of Grand Chancellor. The Grand Vice-Chancellor shall have supervision of the inner door of the Grand Lodge. In the absence or at the request of the Grand Chancellor, he shall preside over the Grand Lodge, and in the event of the death, removal, resignation or inability of the Grand Chancellor to perform the duties of his office, the power and authority conferred on the Grand Chancellor, shall for the time being be asserted by the Grand Vice-Chancellor. He shall perform such other duties as are required by the usages of the Order and the laws and statutes in force.

CHAPTER IV.

RELATING TO THE GRAND PRELATE AND HIS DUTIES.

4. Ritualistic Duties. The Grand Prelate shall in addition to the duties prescribed in the Rituals of the Order, perform such other duties consistent with his office, as the Grand Lodge may require.

CHAPTER V.

RELATING TO THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL AND HIS DUTIES.

5. Paragraph 1. Attend Conventions and Keep Journal. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attend each Convention of the Grand Lodge, and keep a true and correct record of all its proceedings, and at the close of each annual Convention, have the same printed, under the supervision of the Committee on Printing, in such number as the Grand Lodge may direct, and transmit one copy to each Grand Lodge officer, and Grand Representative, one copy to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, one copy to each Grand Tribune, two copies to the office of the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, two copies to each Grand Lodge of the Order, and two copies to the Supreme Lodge.

Par. 2. Keep Office Books and Records. He shall, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, keep an office open during the ordinary business hours, for the transaction of the business of his office, and provide the same with and keep the necessary records, books, papers, stationery, etc., for carrying out the laws and performing the duties of his office; conduct its correspondence; file all papers relating to the business of the Grand Lodge, and carefully preserve all documents, books and papers belonging thereto.

Par. 3. Prepare Forms and provide Stationery. He shall prepare and cause to be printed blank forms for semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges, and such other blanks as may be necessary to obtain correct information of the work of the Order in this Domain; and provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

Par. 4. Keep Accounts. He shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its officers and all Subordinate Lodges, and report all delinquencies to the Grand Lodge.

Par. 5. Draw Orders. He shall draw all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, as authorized by the Grand Lodge, attest the same with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and make a full and detailed record of the same.

Par. 6. Report in Writing to Annual Convention. He shall submit at each Annual Convention, on the first day thereof, a written report of the transactions of his office for the past fiscal year, showing all moneys received and from what source, and such other information as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct, or the good of the Order require, together with such suggestions as he may deem of interest to the Grand Lodge; and estimates of the probable expenses and receipts of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year next ensuing.

Par. 7. Annual Returns to Supreme Lodge. He shall make out annual returns of the work and business of the Grand Lodge, and forward the same with the Supreme Lodge tax, as required by the Supreme Law.

Par. 8. Attest Charters and Warrants. He shall attest all charters and warrants granted for new Lodges, and all official papers and documents, with the Grand Lodge seal.

Par. 9. Attend Committees. He shall attend any committee of the Grand Lodge, when requested to do so by the chairman thereof, and furnish such books, papers, vouchers, etc., as may be required.

Par. 10. Forward Documents to Committee. He shall forward to the chairman of the appropriate standing committees such matter received by him as should properly be referred to them.

Par. 11. Have Custody of Seal. He shall have the custody of the Grand Lodge Seal, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the laws of this Domain, or as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

Par. 12. Bond and Approval. Before anyone shall be installed into the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, he shall file with the Grand Chancellor a bond, with sureties approved by the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice-Chancellor, in the penal sum of seven thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, and for the delivery to his successor, at the end of his official term or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge that may have come into his hands by virtue of his incumbency of the office, which may or should be in his keeping at the time the office is vacated. If such bond be not filed during the convention of the Grand Lodge at which said officer is elected, the Grand Chancellor shall install him into his office upon his executing and filing such bond at any time within ten days after his election. If such bond shall not be filed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal-elect within fifteen days after his election, the office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Chancellor, and an appointment made by him to fill the same, subject to all the requirements of this section as to giving bond.

Par. 13. Collect and Pay Money to Grand Master of Exchequer. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Lodge and pay the same monthly to the Grand Master of Exchequer: keep an accurate account showing the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and submit his books and accounts to the Trustees for examination and inspection, whenever called upon so to do.

Par. 14. Turn Over Books, Etc. He shall at the expiration of his term of office, or on his resignation or removal therefrom, deliver to his successor in office, immediately upon the approval of his official bond, all furniture, books, papers, blanks, stationery, records, property, etc., belonging to the Grand Lodge, which may be in his possession.

Par. 15. Semi-Annual Report to Grand Chancellor. He shall make and transmit to the Grand Chancellor on or before February 1st, and August 1st, of each year, a report of the transactions of his office during the previous six months and shall submit to the Grand Lodge, at the opening of each annual convention, a written report, showing the general condition of the Order and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

Par. 16. Keep Detailed Account of Supplies. He shall keep a detailed account of all Grand Lodge supplies coming into his hands and the amount received for such as may be sold, and report the kind and amount of all supplies on hand in his annual report to the Grand Lodge.

Par. 17. Salary. The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall receive, as compensation for his services, the sum of twelve hundred dollars per fiscal year, to be paid in equal installments at the end of each month.

CHAPTER VI.

RELATING TO THE GRAND MASTER OF THE EXCHEQUER AND HIS DUTIES.

6. Receive and Receipt for Money, Etc. The Grand Master of Exchequer shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately after his

installation; he shall receive all funds, evidences of title and property that should come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall give receipt therefor by his proper signature and official title, and he and his sureties shall be responsible therefor.

7. Bond and Approval. Before anyone shall be installed into the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, he shall file with the Grand Chancellor a bond, with sureties approved by the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice-Chancellor in the penal sum of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars or such greater sum as the Grand Trustees shall fix in writing, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, and for the delivery to his successor, at the end of his official term or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge of which he may become possessed by virtue of his incumbency of said office, which may or shall be in his possession at the time the office is vacated. If such bond be not filed during the convention of the Grand Lodge at which said officer is elected, the Grand Chancellor shall install him into his office upon his executing and filing such bond at any time within ten days after his election. If such bond shall not be filed by the Grand Master of Exchequer-elect within fifteen days after his election, the office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Chancellor, and an appointment made by him to fill the vacancy, subject to all the requirements of this section as to giving bond.

8. Pay Orders. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Chancellor and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and such orders when properly endorsed by the respective payees, shall be his only valid vouchers for the disbursement of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

9. Keep Accounts. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall submit his books and accounts to the Trustees for examination and inspection, whenever called upon by them so to do.

10. Attend Conventions Prepared to Turn Over Funds. He shall attend all the conventions of the Grand Lodge and shall at all times be prepared to turn over to his successor in office all the funds and property in his possession. He shall present to the Grand Lodge, at the opening of each annual convention, a written report giving a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of his office during the preceding fiscal year.

11. Attend Committees. He shall, whenever notified by them attend any committee of the Grand Lodge, and furnish such books and papers, in his possession, as may be required.

12. Salary. The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Master of Exchequer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid in equal installments at the end of each month.

CHAPTER VII.

RELATING TO THE GRAND MASTER AT ARMS, GRAND INNER GUARD AND GRAND OUTER GUARD AND THEIR DUTIES.

13. Ritualistic and to Keep Jewels. The Grand Master at Arms, Grand Inner and Grand Outer Guards shall perform such duties as are laid down in the Ritual; *provided*, that in addition thereto the Grand Outer Guard shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the jewels and other property of the Grand Lodge in his care during any convention thereof.

CHAPTER VIII.

RELATING TO THE GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

14. General Supervision Over Property. The Trustees shall have general supervision and care of all Grand Lodge property, and all funds accruing from the same, and other funds placed in their hands; invest the same in such loans, stocks, and other securities as the Grand Lodge may direct; submit an inventory of all property owned by the Grand Lodge at its annual convention, and perform such other duties as may be required of them by law.

15. Examine, Audit Books, and Report. The Trustees, between the 5th and 15th days of August of each year, and at such other times as they may be directed by the Grand Chancellor, shall examine and audit the books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Grand Master of Exchequer, and all other officers, or committees who may be entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of funds of the Grand Lodge. After each of the examinations herein provided for, the Trustees shall make a full report of the result of such examinations to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor, as in their judgment may be necessary. Copies of all reports so made shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its ensuing annual convention. They shall examine and report upon all resolutions, proposed statutes, or amendments thereof, which involve an expenditure of money from the Exchequer of the Grand Lodge. They shall also report estimates for all expenditures of money from the Exchequer of the Grand Lodge during the current fiscal year, together with resolutions making appropriations therefor. They shall also consider and report upon all resolutions, proposed statutes, or amendments thereof, relating to the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and shall report such legislation for the raising of the revenue as they may deem necessary or expedient.

CHAPTER IX.

RELATING TO THE DEPUTY AT LARGE AND HIS DUTIES.

16. Appointment. The Grand Chancellor shall appoint a special deputy who shall be known and recognized as "Deputy at Large." He shall hold his office one year, unless his commission is sooner revoked by the Grand Chancellor.

17. Duties. The Deputy at Large, subject to the order of the Grand Chancellor, shall have authority to visit Subordinate Lodges, convene them in session, examine their books, property and papers, and instruct, invest and give the secret work to the members lawfully entitled thereto, and perform such other duties as the Grand Chancellor may prescribe in the commission issued to him, and shall make quarterly reports in writing to the Grand Chancellor, and such other report and at such other times as he may require.

18. Salary. He shall receive compensation for his services rendered while in the actual discharge of his duties as such Deputy at Large, at the rate of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, payable in equal installments at the end of each month.

19. Expenses. He shall also be paid his necessary traveling expenses while actually and actively engaged in visiting lodges in this Domain.

CHAPTER X.

RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

20. Judiciary to Report Laws, Amendments, and on Officers' Reports. The Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report upon all proposed amendments to the constitution or statutes which may be referred to it, and such portions of the reports of officers of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it, and recommend such legislation as it may deem expedient in connection therewith.

21. Credentials—Examine and Report On. The Committee on Credentials shall examine and report upon such credentials of Past Chancellors and Grand Representatives as may be submitted to it by the Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal, immediately prior or upon the opening of the convention. It shall also examine and report upon such credentials as may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge.

22. State of the Order and Other Matters of Interest. The Committee on the State of the Order shall examine and report upon such reports of the Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Chancellors, so far as the same relates to the state of the Order, and upon such other matters as may be referred to it, presenting in its report an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order in this Domain, recommending such measures for the good of the Order as it may conclude the circumstances require. It shall examine the correspondence and documents from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and report at each annual session whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to demand its attention or action.

23. Mileage Computed by Shortest Route. The Committee on Mileage shall compute the mileage of members and representatives by the shortest practicable route, and report the amount to which each is entitled.

24. Distribution of Officers' Reports. The Committee on Distribution of Officers' Reports shall examine the reports of Grand officers submitted to it, and refer to the proper committee such subject matter therein as it deems should be acted upon by said committee.

25. Grievances of Lodges and Members. The Committee on Grievances shall consider and report upon all grievances from Subordinate Lodges or members, which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge.

26. Reports of Subordinate Lodges and Recommendations. The Committee on Reports shall carefully examine the reports from the several Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and shall accompany its report thereon by such recommendations relating thereto as it may deem necessary or desirable.

27. Warrants and Charter, with Recommendations. The Committee on Warrants and Charters shall examine and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand officers as may be referred to it. It shall also examine and report as to all warrants for Subordinate Lodges issued by the Grand Chancellor, and upon all applications for charters, with such recommendations as it may deem necessary and desirable.

28. By-Laws—Examine and Report Upon. The Committee on By-Laws shall examine and pass upon all By-Laws and amendments thereto of Subordinate Lodges. It shall reject any article or section which may conflict with the Constitution or Statutes.

29. Rules, Desirable or as Directed by Grand Lodge. The Committee on Rules shall from time to time report such rules as it may deem desirable, or as the Grand Lodge may direct, for the conduct of the business of the Grand Lodge.

30. Printing, and Who Shall Compose It. The Committee on Printing shall have general and supervisory charge, as may be provided by the Grand Statutes, of all matters relating to the printing or binding of journals, books, or other printed matter, except printing supplies required by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be a member of this committee.

31. Special Committees—When Appointed. The Grand Chancellor, when so directed by the Grand Lodge, shall appoint special committees, whose duties shall be such as may be designated or assigned in the legislation by which they are created.

32. Committee to Meet When Necessary. The committees of the Grand Lodge shall hold such meetings during the recess of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary, or as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor may direct.

33. May Require Attendance and Production of Books. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and empowered to require the attendance of any and all persons before them,

and the production of all books, papers and documents which may be necessary for the performance of their duties. Special committees shall have such power only when previously conferred by the Grand Lodge.

34. Report in Duplicate by Majority. Every report of a Committee shall be made in writing and in duplicate, addressed to the Grand Lodge by its appropriate title, and signed by a majority of the members; *provided*, the minority or individual members of the Committee shall be entitled to make reports in the same manner.

CHAPTER XI.

RELATING TO THE ASSEMBLY IN COUNCIL OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

35. Grand Council When Necessary, or Upon Request to Call. The Grand Chancellor shall assemble in council the officers of the Grand Lodge, whenever in his judgment the counsel and advice of such officers is necessary for the protection of the Order, or to provide against unforeseen or impending calamity to the Order, or for the general welfare thereof; and it shall be his duty to assemble said officers in council whenever requested in writing to do so by five officers of the Grand Lodge.

36. Place. Notice and Quorum. The assembly in council shall be at such time and place as the Grand Chancellor may determine. Reasonable notice thereof shall be given by the Grand Chancellor to each officer of the Grand Lodge. Five officers of the Grand Lodge shall constitute a quorum of such assembly in council, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be *ex-officio* the secretary of the assembly.

CHAPTER XII.

RELATING TO THE CALLING OF SPECIAL CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

37. May Call When Three Officers Concur—Place—Notice. The Grand Chancellor, whenever in his judgment, concurred in by three other officers of the Grand Lodge, the interests of the Order require it, shall call a special convention of the Grand Lodge at a time and place to be fixed by him, to consider such matters only as may be specified in such call. At least thirty days' notice of the time and place of such special convention, and of the matters to be considered, must be given to each officer of the Grand Lodge and each Grand Representative.

CHAPTER XIII.

RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUCCESSION IN CASE OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES OF GRAND CHANCELLOR OR GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR.

38. Fill Vacancy in Office of Grand Chancellor. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Grand Chancellor caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent as provided by law, the duties of the office shall immediately devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor,

who shall act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current annual term, and until the said office shall have been duly filled by election and installation at the ensuing annual convention of the Grand Lodge.

39. Title of Office. While acting as and discharging the duties of Grand Chancellor during the temporary absence or disability of the incumbent of such office, the Grand Vice-Chancellor shall be known and styled "Grand Chancellor, *pro tempore*."

40. Grand Vice-Chancellor Appointed. Within ten days from the time a vacancy shall have been caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor *pro tem* shall appoint a Grand Representative to the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, and shall prior to the ensuing convention of the Grand Lodge install such officer.

41. Vacancy in Office of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor Filled. If, in case of death, resignation, impeachment, or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, a vacancy should exist in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent of such office, or in case of the death of the Grand Vice-Chancellor before entering upon the duties of the Grand Chancellor, then, in such case, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify each officer of the Grand Lodge of the existence of such vacancies in the offices of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor, and shall appoint a time and place at which such officers shall assemble in council. The place selected for such council shall be so situated that it may be reached before the date fixed for the assembly by a majority of the said officers, and the time selected shall be not more than ten days subsequent to the date upon which the vacancy in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor shall have occurred.

42. Officers to Select Successors. The officers of the Grand Lodge, when assembled in council, as hereinbefore provided, shall choose one of their number as chairman and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be *ex-officio* Secretary. If six officers or more be present, they shall elect from the Grand Representatives upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge Rank, one to be Grand Chancellor and one to be Grand Vice-Chancellor. Such election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes of those present shall be necessary to an election.

43. Officers Elect to be Notified. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify each officer elect of his election within one day thereafter, and if, within ten days from the date of his election, such officer shall be installed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or by any officer of the Grand Lodge in the presence of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, he shall forthwith enter upon the duties of the office to which he may have been elected. But if such officer-elect shall not within the time required for installation be duly installed, then the office to which he was elected shall be deemed to be vacant and such vacancy shall be filled as provided by this chapter.

CHAPTER XIV.

RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS.

44. Limit of Authority. The Grand Chancellor alone shall have power to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges within the Domain of the Grand Lodge, and except in cases of emergency he shall only be authorized to grant the following:

Paragraph 1. More Than One Same Convention. To confer the three Ranks of the Order at the same convention, the fee for which shall be two dollars, to be paid by the candidate, one-half thereof to accompany the application for dispensation.

Par. 2. Persons Over Age. To confer the Ranks of the Order upon persons over fifty years of age.

Par. 3. Maimed Persons. To confer the Ranks on maimed persons in conformity with the Supreme Law.

Par. 4. Change Place of Holding Convention. To remove the place of holding conventions of a lodge from one hall to another.

Par. 5. Change Nights. To change the nights of conventions of a lodge.

Par. 6. Longer Intervals. To permit lodges to hold stated conventions at longer intervals than one week.

Par. 7. Parades. Etc. To have public parades, demonstrations, entertainments or celebrations as a lodge or lodges. *Provided*, that Deputy Grand Chancellors may grant dispensation to confer more than one Rank on the same person at the same meeting, or at intervals of time less than provided by law.

45. Limiting Parades. Subordinate Lodges shall not make a public parade or display as a lodge or lodges, except on the occasion of funeral and church services, without obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Chancellor.

CHAPTER XV.

RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

46. Jurisdiction. A Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be deemed the representative of the Grand Chancellor in the Subordinate Lodge for which he is appointed. He shall be subject at all times to the instruction and control of the Grand Chancellor and shall be responsible to him for the manner in which his duties are discharged.

47. Duties. Each Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be commissioned by the Grand Chancellor and the powers and duties of such Deputy shall be to see that the work of the Order in his lodge is performed in accordance with law, to install the officers of his lodge and perform such other duties as are set forth in such commission, and not otherwise. Such commission unless sooner revoked, shall expire by its own limitation, or with the term of office of the Grand Chancellor issuing the same.

48. Cannot Delegate Except. No power or duty delegated or assigned to a Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be assigned or delegated by him to any other person whomsoever. Except that he may appoint another Past Chancellor to install the officers of a Subordinate Lodge whom it is his official duty to install.

49. Authority to Grant. The Grand Chancellor shall not authorize, nor shall a deputy grant any dispensation. The power and authority, to grant dispensations shall lie wholly with the Grand Chancellor, except that Deputy Grand Chancellors may issue dispensations to confer more than one rank on the same person at the same convention or at intervals of time less than provided by law.

CHAPTER XVI.

RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND THEIR INSTALLATION AND MANNER OF VOTING.

50. Election Annually by Ballot on Afternoon Second Day. Subject to the provisions of Article VI., Section 2, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, the officers named in the said section shall be elected at each annual convention of the Grand Lodge hereafter held. The election of such officers shall be by ballot and shall be held on the afternoon of the second day immediately after the opening of the session.

51. Nominations Two O'clock First Day. Nominations for the several offices to be elected should be made at 2 o'clock on the first day of the annual convention at which the said officers are to be elected, and no other persons shall be voted for, at the election, except by the unanimous consent of the lodge prior to the election.

52. Duplicate Lists Prepared. Prior to the annual convention of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall prepare duplicate lists of the lodges, including the number of votes to which each lodge is entitled.

53. Tickets Prepared. Prior to the annual convention the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall also prepare a sufficient number of tickets having printed thereon the titles of the entire list of officers to be voted for, with sufficient space for one name to be written beneath each title. No other tickets shall be voted, unless by consent of the lodge and all ballots cast upon other tickets shall not be counted by the tellers unless consent has been given to use other tickets by the lodge before the vote is taken.

54. Vote; Tickets Prepared. Nominations shall be made for candidates for all the officers to be voted for. From such nomination each member entitled to vote shall fill his ticket and upon call of the roll of lodges and members each person entitled to vote shall deposit the number of votes to which he or his lodge is entitled with the tellers.

55. Votes to be Deposited. The roll of the lodges shall be called with the number of votes to which each lodge and officer is entitled. The representatives and officers shall then advance to the ballot-box and deposit the number of the votes to which the lodge is entitled for all the officers to be elected and announce in distinct language the number of votes so cast which shall be recorded upon the duplicate lists in the possession of the tellers.

56. Tellers Appointed. The Grand Chancellor shall appoint previous to the election two tellers to conduct the same. Should the number of votes cast be greater than the number of legally qualified voters present, the presiding officer shall declare the ballot illegal and order another.

57. Candidate Receiving Lowest Vote Dropped. When there is more than one nominee for the same office, it shall require a majority of all votes cast to elect; when there are more than two nominees for the same office, the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot, shall be dropped until an election is had; *provided*, that where there is but one nominee the presiding officer shall declare him elected.

58. No Motion While Nominations are Being Made. While the nominations for officers and place of meeting are being made and the ballot taken no motion shall be entertained or permitted, except by unanimous consent.

59. Installation on Last Day. The Grand officers elect shall be installed on the last day of the convention, immediately before its close. If any officer elect is absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, his office shall be declared vacant, and an election held at once to fill said vacancy. If an absent officer elect has been excused by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall have the power to install such officer, during recess, at his convenience. The installation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer shall be subject, however, to the provisions of Sections 5 and 7 of the Grand Statutes.

CHAPTER XVII.

RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR DUTIES.

60. Elected at Same Time as Other Officers. The Supreme Representatives shall be elected in the same manner, and at the same time as the officers of the Grand Lodge, subject to the provisions of the Supreme Constitution and Supreme Statutes. Only Past Grand Chancellors who have attained that honor and who are in good standing in their respective Lodges and the Grand Lodge shall be eligible thereto.

61. Attend Supreme Convention and Exemplify Secret Work. They shall attend all conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session thereof; exemplify the secret work by two of their number

to be selected by them; faithfully represent the interests and render obedience to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and shall as soon as practicable thereafter make a full printed report to the Grand Lodge of all matters acted upon by the Supreme Lodge which they deem of interest to this Domain, and cause the said report to be mailed to all the Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.

62. Vacancies Filled by Grand Chancellor Until Annual Convention. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Supreme Representative during the recess of the Grand Lodge, by death or otherwise, the Grand Chancellor shall by appointment fill said vacancy, and the appointment shall hold good until the next convention of the Grand Lodge, when the same shall be filled for the unexpired term by election.

CHAPTER XVIII.

RELATING TO THE IMPEACHMENT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR OR A GRAND TRIBUNE.

63. For Breach of Trust, Drunkenness, Violation of Law. The Grand Chancellor, or a Grand Tribune, shall be liable to impeachment for drunkenness, or for breach of trust in connection with the funds of the Order, or for any violation of the criminal laws of his country or state involving moral turpitude, or for neglect of his official duties or obligations, or for any willful betrayal of the interests of the Order, or for any conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

64. Preferred by Representatives or Officers. Articles of impeachment may be preferred against the Grand Chancellor, or a Grand Tribune, by ten or more Grand Representatives or by four or more Ritualistic Grand Lodge officers.

65. Tribunal to Try. The Grand Tribunal and the Grand Lodge officers, other than those preferring the articles, shall be the tribunal to try the Grand Chancellor or a Grand Tribune against whom articles of impeachment have been preferred.

66. Form of Articles. The articles of impeachment herein provided for shall specify the offense or offenses charged, and in what it or they consist, with clearness and precision and with reasonable detail as to time and place and circumstances, and be signed by the parties preferring them, and shall be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

67. Procedure, Time, Place and Notice. When articles of impeachment shall have been preferred against the Grand Chancellor or against a Grand Tribune, and filed, the presiding officer of the trial tribunal shall fix a time and place for the trial, and at once notify the other members of the tribunal of the time and place appointed. Thereupon the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attest and issue a summons, citing the accused to appear before the trial tribunal on the day and at the place so appointed, which shall be specified in the summons. He shall issue at the

same time a correct copy of the articles of impeachment, which shall accompany the summons and be left with the accused. Such summons and copy of the articles may be served by any member of the Order authorized by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal so to do. Personal service of the notice must be made on the accused if he can be found in city or town in which his Lodge is situated, at least ten clear days prior to the hearing. If not so found therein, then by depositing in the postoffice, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his address, at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

68. Evidence and Notice of Taking. Evidence on the trial of impeachments may be oral or by depositions. At least, ten clear days's notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, upon application of the accused, may designate by order in writing, which shall be filed and kept with the papers, the party upon whom notice to the prosecution may be served. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by registered letter mailed to the proper address of the person entitled thereto.

69. Grand Chancellor to Preside. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at the hearing of the impeachment of a Grand Tribune, unless he be one of those preferring the articles, in which event the Officer of the Grand Lodge highest in rank, not so disqualified, shall preside.

70. Chief Tribune to Preside. The Chief Tribune shall preside on the impeachment of the Grand Chancellor.

71. Counsel. In all cases, either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be members of the Order in good standing.

72. Jurisdiction. On the trial of impeachments, the trial tribunal shall have such jurisdiction and powers as are conferred by the provisions of the Grand Constitution relating to impeachment.

73. Officers Suspended During Trial. The Grand Chancellor or Grand Tribune impeached hereunder shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties until his acquittal. If the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Tribune impeached shall be convicted, the judgment shall not extend beyond the removal from office and disqualification to fill any office in the Order thereafter.

74. Suspended Officers' Places to be Filled During the Trial. When the Grand Chancellor shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties, pending his impeachment as herein provided for, the Grand Vice-Chancellor shall discharge the duties of Grand Chancellor pending such suspension. When a member of the Grand Tribunal shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties, pending his impeachment, as herein provided, the Grand Chancellor shall fill by appointment the temporary vacancy thus occasioned; *provided*, that such temporary Tribune shall not sit on said impeachment Tribunal.

75. May be Tried Again for Same Offense. Impeachment and conviction hereunder shall not preclude or prevent the trial and punishment of the offender for the same offense before any other tribunal of the order having jurisdiction of the party and of the offense.

76. Guilt Determined by Yea and Nay Vote. After all the evidence and argument upon the impeachment of the Grand Chancellor or of a Grand Tribune shall have been heard and considered, as hereinbefore provided, the guilt of the accused shall be determined by the trial tribunal by vote, by yeas and nays, and the vote shall be entered in full upon the minutes of its proceedings, full and accurate record of all of which shall be kept by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. If two-thirds of all the members shall vote in favor of his conviction, the judgment shall be removal of the accused from his office and disqualification to hold any office in the Order thereafter, or only removal from office, as the trial tribunal by a two-thirds vote may determine, and the judgment shall be recorded on the minutes. If less than two-thirds of all the members vote for his conviction, the accused shall stand acquitted, and the judgment shall be so recorded on the minutes.

77. Records Returned to Grand Lodge. The record of the proceedings of the trial tribunal, including full abstract of the testimony signed by the presiding officer thereof and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next convention and filed in the archives of that body.

78. Appeal Allowed to Either Party. The defendant shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge upon his motion, from the decision of the trial tribunal. And the prosecution shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge upon the motion of at least two of the Grand Officers preferring the charges, in cases where the charges are preferred by the Grand Officers, or upon the motion of at least five of the Grand Representatives in cases where the charges are preferred by Grand Representatives. And the Grand Lodge may, upon its own motion, by a majority vote, take up and consider any cause so tried, which trial shall be upon the record only, and a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Lodge shall be required to reverse the finding of the trial tribunal. If the judgment of the Grand Lodge is "guilty," in cases where the trial tribunal found "not guilty," then, the Grand Lodge shall by a two-thirds vote fix the penalty as provided in this chapter.

79. If Grand Chancellor Impeached, Grand Vice-Chancellor shall Perform Duties. If the Grand Chancellor impeached hereunder shall be convicted and removed from the office, the duties of the office shall at once devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor for the unexpired term of said Grand Chancellor.

80. If Tribune Impeached, Vacancy to be Filled. If a Grand Tribune shall be impeached, convicted and removed from office, the vacancy

shall be filled at once by the appointment by the Grand Chancellor of a person eligible thereto, who shall hold said office until the next convention of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XIX.

RELATING TO THE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

81. For Drunkenness, Breach of Trust or Violation of Law. Any Grand Lodge Officer other than the Grand Chancellor, may be removed from office for drunkenness, or for a breach of trust in connection with the funds of the Order, or for any violation of the criminal laws of his country or state, involving moral turpitude, or for willful neglect of his official duties, or obligations, or for any wilful betrayal of the interests of the Order, or for conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

82. Charges Preferred by Two or More. For any of the offenses specified in the preceding section, charges may be preferred against such Grand Lodge officer by two or more members of the Grand Lodge.

83. Contents of Charges. The charges herein provided for shall specify the offense charged and in what it consists, with clearness and precision and with reasonable detail as to time, place and circumstances, and shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal.

84. Tribunal to Try. The Grand Tribunal shall constitute the tribunal for the trial of the Grand Lodge officer against whom charges shall have been preferred as provided by this chapter.

85. Time, Place and Procedure. When such charges shall have been preferred and filed, the presiding officer of the Grand Tribunal shall fix a time and place for the trial thereof, and notify the other members of the tribunal of the time and place so appointed. Thereupon the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall attest and issue a summons citing the accused to appear before the tribunal on the day and at the place specified in the summons. He shall issue at the same time a correct copy of the charges, which shall accompany the summons and be served personally on the accused if found within the city or town in which his lodge is located, at least ten clear days before the hearing. If not found in the said city or town, then by depositing the same in the postoffice, postage prepaid, at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Such summons and a copy of the charges may be served by the Marshal, or the Recorder when acting as Marshal of the Grand Tribunal.

86. Evidence Taken on Notice. Evidence on the trial of such charges may be oral or by depositions. At least ten clear days' notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, upon application of the accused, may designate by order in writing the party on whom notice to the prosecution may be served, but such order shall be filed and kept with the papers in the cause. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by registered letter to the proper postoffice address of the person entitled thereto.

A commissioner to take such deposition shall be appointed in writing by a Grand Tribunal.

87. Chief Tribune to Preside and Case Continued for Cause. The Chief Tribune shall preside on the trial of such charges, and the Grand Tribunal may, on proper application, grant continuances, or for good cause shown, change the place fixed for the trial, having reference always to economy in expenditures and to the reasonable convenience of the accused.

88. Counsel Permitted. In all cases either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be members of the order in good standing.

89. Officers Under Charges Suspended The Grand Lodge officer accused shall be suspended by the Grand Chancellor from the exercise of his official duties while such charges are pending against him, and the temporary vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled by the Grand Chancellor by appointment.

90. Judgment Limited to Removal. If the Grand Lodge Officer so accused shall be convicted, the judgment shall not extend beyond his removal from office and disqualification to fill any office in the the Order thereafter. Conviction hereunder shall not prevent or preclude the trial and punishment of the accused for the same offense before any other Tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction of the party and of the defense.

91. Affirmative Vote of Three to Convict. The conviction and removal from office of a Grand Lodge Officer, upon his trial herein provided for, shall require the affirmative vote of four of the members of the Tribunal. If four members of said Tribunal shall vote in favor of his conviction, the judgment shall be removal from his office and disqualification to hold any office in the Order, thereafter, or removal from office only, as the Tribunal by a two-thirds vote may determine.

92. Duties of Office Vacated to be Performed by One Appointed. Upon the removal from office of a Grand Lodge officer by trial and conviction as herein provided for, the duties of said office shall devolve upon the person appointed thereto by the Grand Chancellor until the next convention of the Grand Lodge.

93. Full Record Kept and Returned to Grand Lodge. The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the trial, which record signed by the presiding officer and attested by the recorder, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next convention and filed in the archives of that body.

94. Rehearing Appeal and Writ of Error Allowed. Either party shall have the right of rehearing and appeal and writ of error as provided in other trials before the Grand Tribunal and upon the same terms, and the appeal and writ of error shall be to the Supreme Tribunal.

CHAPTER XX.

RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS
OF THE GRAND LODGE, AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES,
AT COUNCILS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS,
AND AT SITTINGS OF THE GRAND
TRIBUNAL.

95. Members, Officers and Committees Paid. Members of the legislative department and officers and members of committees who are not otherwise entitled thereto shall receive compensation for attendance at conventions of the Grand Lodge, as follows:

Paragraph 1. For each daily session of the Grand Lodge, including intervening Sundays, and week days upon which by reason of a recess no session may be held, a per diem compensation of two dollars; *provided*, that a member shall be allowed per diem only for the time in actual attendance, and for one day going and coming to the convention; *provided*, also, that but one Grand Representative for each Subordinate Lodge shall be paid such compensation and mileage at any one session.

Par. 2. For each mile of distance traveled in going to and returning from such conventions, a mileage compensation of three cents.

Par. 3. In computing the mileage compensation, the distance shall be reckoned from the actual residence within the Domain of which any person named in this section shall be a member, to the point at which the convention of the Grand Lodge is held, and return therefrom by the shortest practicable route.

Par. 4. Members of all committees of the Grand Lodge shall receive for attendance at any legal meeting of such committee during the recess of the Grand Lodge, a per diem and mileage compensation at the rate of five dollars per day and three cents per mile, respectively, computed on the same basis as the compensation hereinbefore provided for attendance at conventions of the Grand Lodge.

Par. 5. Grand Lodge officers, except the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal when assembled in council as provided by the Grand Statutes, shall receive for attendance at such assembly in council, a per diem and mileage compensation of five dollars per day and three cents per mile.

96. Tribunes and Recorder Paid. Members and the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall receive for attendance at any sitting thereof, when duly held as provided by law, compensation at the rate of five dollars per day, and three cents per mile, computed on the same basis as the compensation hereinbefore provided for attendance at conventions of the Grand Lodge. The recorder shall certify in writing the amount of mileage and per diem to which each is entitled under the provision of this section from time to time, and shall file such certificate with the Grand Keeper of

Records and Seal, whereupon the amount so certified shall be paid out of the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

97. But One Mileage Compensation for Each Journey. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the payment to one person of more than one mileage compensation for each journey performed to attend a convention of the Grand Lodge, or a meeting of a committee, or an assembly in council of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

98. Expenses of Grand Chancellor Paid. All necessary reasonable expenses incurred by the Grand Chancellor in performance of his duties shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

99. Expense of Deputies Paid. All necessary reasonable expenses of a Deputy Grand Chancellor or Deputy at Large incurred while acting in their official capacity, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

The actual expense of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer in attendance upon special meetings or before committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XXI.

RELATING TO SEALS.

100. Seal to be Kept by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The Seal of the Grand Lodge shall be in accordance with the following design and shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Keeper of



Records and Seal and shall be used in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

101. Grand Chancellor to Keep His Own. The Official Seal of the Grand Chancellor shall be in accordance with the following design :



And shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Chancellor, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official signature, only.

102. Recorder to Keep Seal of Grand Tribunal. The Official Seal of the Grand Tribunal shall bear the words, "Grand Tribunal, Knights of Pythias," in the outer circle thereof, and the words, "Domain of Iowa," in the center thereof. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the Recorder of the Tribunal, and shall be used in authenticating such documents as require official attestation.

103. Subordinate Lodge Seal Kept by Keeper of Records and Seal. Each Subordinate Lodge within this Domain shall have an official seal, which shall bear its name, number, location and date of institution, together with such appropriate devices as it shall adopt. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

CHAPTER XXII.

RELATING TO THE REVENUE AND SUPPLIES OF THE GRAND GOVERNMENT.

104. Per Capita Tax, Warrants, Fees, Dispensations, Constitute Revenue. The Revenue of the Grand Government shall be derived from per capita tax, fees for warrants and charters, fees for dispensations, and the sale of supplies.

105. Five Per Cent Receipts and Not Exceeding Seventy Cents Per Capita. Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge with each semi-annual report five per cent of the gross receipts and a per capita tax on all members, except Pages and Esquires, not to exceed seventy cents per annum, the amount to be fixed by the Grand Lodge at each annual convention.

106. Cost of Supplies, Etc. Each Lodge shall pay to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, for charters, supplies, dispensations, etc., as follows:

For charter fee.....	\$42.00
For rituals, each	3.00
For installment books, each	60
For withdrawal cards, each.....	50
For official receipts, per 100.....	1 00
For traveling shields, each	10
For odes, each.....	10
For odes set to music, each	30
For applications for membership, per 100.....	1.50
One-half of dispensations.	

CHAPTER XXIV.

RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF THE FUNDS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

107. Limit of Use. The funds of the Grand Lodge shall not be applied to any purpose that is inconsistent with the principles or purposes of the Order.

108. Must Be Appropriated and Paid by Order. No expenditures shall be made from such funds except under appropriations made in accordance with the law, and upon an exchequer order, properly signed and attested.

CHAPTER XXIV.

RELATING TO VOTING IN THE GRAND LODGE.

109. Limited to Legislative Department. Voting in the Grand Lodge shall be confined to the members comprising the Legislative Department of the Grand Government.

110. Majority. A majority of the legal votes cast shall determine all questions before the Grand Lodge unless otherwise provided by law.

111. Yeas and Nays Called by Ten. On the call of ten members entitled to vote, the yeas and nays on any question shall be taken and entered in the Journal.

112. Viva Voce, except on Elections. The manner of voting shall be viva voce except for the election of officers, Supreme Representatives and the selection of a place of meeting for the annual convention of the Grand Lodge which shall be by written ballot.

CHAPTER XXV.

RELATING TO THE CREDENTIALS OF PAST CHANCELLORS.

113. Form of Past Chancellors' Credential. A Past Chancellor, previous to his being admitted as a member of the Grand Lodge must present a credential from his Subordinate Lodge according to the following form furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CERTIFICATE OF PAST CHANCELLOR.

----- Lodge, No...
To the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Knights of Pythias:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That-----
 having been duly qualified, passed the Chancellor Commander's chair of
 this Lodge, is hereby entitled to become a member of the Grand Lodge,
 Domain of Iowa.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, We have hereunto affixed our signatures
 and the Seal of the Lodge, at-----
 [SEAL] Iowa, this ----- day of ----- A. D., 189--,
 and the Pythian Period the-----.

Attest:

-----,
Grand Chancellor.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER XXVI.

RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE GRAND LODGE.

114. Robert's Rules the Guide. "Robert's Rules of Order." shall be the guide of the Grand Lodge and all Subordinate Lodges, in regard to parliamentary practice.

115. Order of Business. The business of the annual convention shall be taken up in the following order after the opening ceremonies:

1. Calling the roll of Officers and Representatives to ascertain a quorum.

2. Report of Committee on Credentials.

3. Conferring the Grand Lodge Rank.

4. Reading and passing upon the minutes.

5. Reports of Grand Officers.

6. Nomination of officers at 2 P. M., first day.

7. Reports of standing committees in the following order:

(1) Committee on Judiciary.

(2) Committee on Grievances.

(3) Committee on Credentials.

(4) Committee on Reports.

(5) Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

(6) Committee on Printing.

(7) Committee on Warrants and Charters.

(8) Committee on Rules.

(9) Committee on Foreign Correspondence and State of the Order.

8. Reports of Special Committees.

9. Unfinished business.

10. To receive, refer, and act upon reports, petitions, appeals and other communications and new business.

11. Election of officers afternoon second day.

12. Installation of officers.

TITLE II.

TRIBUNAL.

- I. Organization.
- II. Appointment and terms of service of Tribunes.
- III. Sessions.
- IV. Appellate Jurisdiction.
- V. Original Jurisdiction.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL.

116. Consist of Five, Three a Quorum, Shall Elect Chief.

The Grand Tribunal shall consist of five Tribunes, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of three shall be necessary to a decision. The Tribunes shall select, by ballot, one of their number, who shall preside as Chief Tribune.

117. Precedence According to Date of Commissions, or Age. The Associate Tribunes shall have precedence according to the dates of their commissions, or when the commissions of two or more of them bear the same date, according to their respective ages.

118. Vacancy of Chief, Duties Fall on First in Precedence. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Tribune, or of his inability for any reason to perform his duties, they shall devolve upon the Associate Tribune who is first in precedence until such disability is removed, or another Chief Tribune is duly qualified. This provision shall apply to every Associate Tribune who succeeds to the office of Chief Tribune.

119. Oath. Each Tribune, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his position, shall take and subscribe the following obligation :

"I (name) do solemnly pledge my knightly honor that I will support the Supreme Constitution of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Constitution of the Domain of Iowa, and that I will discharge the duties of Tribune, without prejudice or partiality, and to the best of my ability, so help me God."

The Grand Prelate shall administer the obligation to one of the five Tribunes first appointed, and this Tribune when so obligated, shall administer said obligation to his four associates. The Chief Tribune shall administer the obligation to each Tribune thereafter chosen.

120. Recorder and Marshal to be Appointed. The Grand Tribunal shall appoint a Recorder and a Marshal at its sessions for said Tribunal. The duties of Marshal shall devolve upon the Recorder so long as the Tribunal shall elect, or until otherwise provided by law.

121. Duties of Recorder. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to attend upon the Tribunal at its sessions, issue its processes and keep a full and correct record of all the proceedings of said Tribunal. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to execute all processes and orders issuing from the Grand Tribunal or an associate Tribune in pursuance of law, and to take charge of all property of the Grand Government used by the Tribunal or its members.

122. Reporter. The Grand Tribunal shall select from among its members a reporter of its decisions.

123. Duties of Reporter. The Reporter shall compile the decisions of the Grand Tribunal for each year, and shall prepare the same for printing and publication within thirty days from the end of each year. When so compiled and prepared the Reporter shall at once deliver the manuscript to the Chairman of the Committee on Printing for publication.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF SERVICE OF GRAND TRIBUNES AND TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN THE GRAND TRIBUNAL.

124. Appointment and Confirmation. The Grand Chancellor shall on the adoption of this statute and before the installation of officers in the Convention of 1895, nominate the first five Tribunes and they shall be confirmed by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Grand Lodge in convention assembled. Their terms of service shall be one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

125. Appointment and Confirmation Subsequent to First. Each Tribune thereafter chosen shall be nominated by the Grand Chancellor immediately after his installation, and his nomination confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Grand Lodge in convention assembled. If the nomination fail of confirmation the Grand Chancellor shall nominate and continue to make nominations until a nominee shall be confirmed by the Grand Lodge. The term of service of a Tribune thus chosen shall be five years.

126. Vacancies Filled During Recess. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Grand Tribunal during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a Past Chancellor in good standing who shall hold said office until the next convention of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL.

127. One Annually and Others if Needed. The Grand Tribunal shall hold at least one session annually, and such other sessions as it may find necessary for the dispatch of business. It shall determine for itself the times and places for its sessions and give due notice thereof, but the first session shall be held at Des Moines, Iowa, within ten days from the selection thereof.

128. Adjourned if no Quorum. If at any session a quorum does not attend on the day appointed for holding it, the Tribunes who do attend may adjourn from day to day for five days after said appointed time unless a quorum shall sooner appear. If a quorum does not attend, the Tribunes attending may within said five days make all necessary orders in any matter or proceeding pending in, or returned to said Grand Tribunal preparatory to the hearing and decision thereof, and may fix the time and place for the next session of the Grand Tribunal, and continue the business of the Grand Tribunal over till the session so appointed, and if during a session after a quorum has assembled less than a quorum attend on any day, the Tribunes in attendance may adjourn from day to day until a quorum appears or may appoint a time and place for the next session and adjourn accordingly.

CHAPTER IV.

RELATING TO THE APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL
AND REGULATING THE PROCEEDINGS THEREIN.

129. Jurisdiction. That appeals, both as to law and fact, shall be allowed to the Grand Tribunal from all final judgments or decrees of any Subordinate Lodge, or from any final order, decision or decree of the Grand Chancellor.

130. Record Transmitted in Thirty Days to Tribunal. Upon the appeal of any case, a complete transcript of the records shall be made, including the evidence, and such entries and papers on file as may be necessary on the hearing of the appeal, and the same shall be transmitted by the officer having the original record in his custody and control to the Grand Tribunal, within the thirty days after the appeal is granted: *provided*, that the Grand Tribunal may order any original document or other evidence to be sent up, in addition to the copy of the record, or in lieu of a copy, of a part thereof, and on such appeals no evidence shall be received by the Grand Tribunal, except as provided in section 145 of these Statutes.

131. Appeal Must Be Taken in Twenty Days. No judgment, decree, decision or order shall be reviewed on appeal in the Grand Tribunal, unless such appeal be taken within twenty days after the making or entry of such final judgment, decision, decree, or order: *provided*, that where a party entitled to appeal is an infant, an insane person, or imprisoned, such

appeal may be taken within twenty days after the judgment, decision, decree, or order, exclusive of the term of such disability; *and provided, further*, that the Subordinate Lodge rendering the order, judgment or decree appealed from, if applied to during the said twenty days, may for good cause shown, extend the time for taking the appeal, for such period as in its judgment the ends of justice may require; *provided, further*, that notice of said appeal shall be served on the adverse party or the attorney of record prior to the expiration of said twenty days.

132. Writ of Error Permitted. All final judgments, decisions, orders or decrees from which an appeal would lie, may be re-examined and modified, reversed or affirmed in the Grand Tribunal upon a writ of error.

133. Authenticated Transcript of Record Filed and Assignment of Errors Served. To remove a case to the Grand Tribunal on writ of error, the party complaining shall file with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal an authenticated transcript of the whole record, together with an assignment in writing of the error complained of, with a prayer for the relief desired. He shall give the adverse party ten clear days' notice of the time and place of filing the same, and the notice thus served shall be in lieu of any further citation of the party upon whom it is served, and no writ of error need actually issue unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Tribunal. Said assignment of errors and notice duly served upon the adverse party shall be annexed to the authenticated transcript, and shall be a necessary part of the record upon which the Grand Tribunal may re-examine the cause removed thereto upon writ of error.

134. Must Be Made in Six Months. No judgment, decision, decree or order shall be reviewed in the Grand Tribunal on writ of error, unless the application therefor is made within six months after making or entry of said judgment, decision, decree or order; *provided*, that where a party entitled to prosecute a writ of error is an infant, insane person, or imprisoned, such writ may be prosecuted within one year after the judgment, decision, decree or order, exclusive of the term of such disability.

135. Amendment Allowed When Justice Requires. The the Grand Tribunal may at any time, in its discretion and upon such terms as it may deem just, allow an amendment to the proceedings whereby any cause is sought to be removed to the Grand Tribunal by appeal or writ of error, if, in its judgment, the purposes of justice require it.

136. Judgment May Be Superseded. Upon the institution of proceedings in the Grand Tribunal by writ of error, any member of the Grand Tribunal may at chambers supersede the judgment, decision, decree or order complained of, if upon examination of the transcript of the record and assignment of errors he is of opinion that the purposes of justice will be best subserved thereby. His order directing that the proceedings shall operate as a supersedeas shall be in writing, and the party complaining shall at once give the adverse party written notice of such order, accompanied with a certified copy of the order.

137. May Affirm, Direct Other Proceedings or Grant New Trial. The Grand Tribunal may affirm, modify or reverse any judgment, decision, decree or order lawfully brought before it for review, or it may direct such further proceedings to be had by the inferior tribunal from which it came, as the justice of the case may require, or it may grant a new trial and remand the cause in such case as it may deem necessary and proper.

138. Rehearing Granted if Asked Within Sixty Days. The Grand Tribunal shall have the power to grant a rehearing of any matter determined by it for good cause shown, provided an application for rehearing be made within sixty days.

139. Shall Issue Writs. The Grand Tribunal shall have power to issue all writs which may be necessary for the exercise of its jurisdiction, and to prescribe the forms of such writs and other process and the mode of framing and filing proceedings and pleadings, taking and obtaining testimony, entering and enrolling decrees, and generally to regulate the practice in the Grand Tribunal.

140. Parties May Employ Counsel. In all cases pending in the Grand Tribunal, the parties may plead and manage their own cases personally, or by the assistance of such counsel as by the rules of the Grand Tribunal are permitted to conduct causes therein.

141. Lost Record Supplied. When any cause has been removed to the Grand Tribunal and the record filed therein or any part thereof has been lost, or mislaid, or destroyed, the same may be supplied by order of the Grand Tribunal authorizing it to be supplied by a duly certified copy of the original record, when the same can be obtained. If this can not be done, then the Grand Tribunal may authorize it to be supplied in substance and effect from the best evidence obtainable.

142. Record May be Corrected. If in any case the transcript of the record filed in the Grand Tribunal is not correct, or not full and complete, either party may suggest a diminution of the record and ask the Grand Tribunal for a certiorari directed to the Tribunal below, to send up a more perfect record, such suggestion must be supported by affidavit, stating the defect, unless it is apparent on the face of the record.

143. Process May be Amended. The Grand Tribunal in its discretion, may at any time and upon such terms as it deems just, allow an amendment of any process returnable before it, when the defect has not prejudiced and the amendment will not injure the party against whom such process issues.

144. Authority to Punish Contempt. The Grand Tribunal shall have power to impose and administer all necessary obligations, and to punish by fine contempt of its authority; provided that such power to punish contempts shall not be construed to extend to any case except misbehavior in the presence of the Grand Tribunal, or so near thereto as to obstruct its business, the misbehavior of any of the officers of the Grand

Tribunal in their official transactions, and the disobedience or resistance by any such officer, or by any party, witness or counsel, or other person, to any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command of the Grand Tribunal.

145. Trial De Novo. The Grand Tribunal may, in any case coming to it by appeal, if in its judgment the ends of justice require it, try the same *de novo*, not only upon the record and evidence sent up with the appeal, but may permit the taking of, and may hear additional evidence so that complete relief may be granted and the remanding of said cause be avoided.

146. Procedure Regulated by Tribunal. The Grand Tribunal may prescribe the forms of process and the methods of framing and filing proceedings and pleadings, taking testimony, entering decrees and collecting the fines, and shall have full power to regulate its practice in proceedings for contempts and the punishment thereof.

147. Fines Paid to Grand Lodge. The fines imposed in such cases when collected shall be paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal.

CHAPTER V.

RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL, AND REGULATING THE PROCEDURE THEREIN.

148. Jurisdiction. The Grand Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all controversies between Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.

149. Statement Verified by Pledge of Honor. Whenever any member of or a Subordinate Lodge of the Order in this Domain considers himself or itself entitled to relief which the Grand Tribunal is authorized to give under the Constitution and Laws of the Order, he or it shall make a statement in writing, addressed to the Grand Tribunal, setting forth the facts of the case and stating the relief asked for, and the names of all parties who may be interested in the subject matter. Such statement, if made by a member, shall be verified by a pledge of honor of the party making it, to the effect that he believes that the statements therein made are accurate and true. If by a Subordinate Lodge, it shall be authenticated by the seal of such lodge and by the signatures of the presiding and clerical officers.

150. Filed With Recorder. Said statements shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, who without unnecessary delay, shall send by registered mail a copy thereof, attested by him, to each person or Subordinate Lodge designated as a party defendant, together with a written notice that ten days thereafter the cause therein described will be entered upon the docket of the Grand Tribunal.

151. Time of Hearing. On the days indicated in said notice, the Recorder shall enter such cause upon the docket of the Grand Tribunal,

and it shall thereafter be ready for hearing, except as hereinafter provided. When the parties plead or answer they shall file a copy thereof with their answer. If any of them file answer to the complaint the Recorder shall send the copies of such answer to the parties complainant, by registered mail, and ten days after receipt thereof either party may proceed to take evidence. No deposition shall be read in evidence in the hearing of any cause which shall not have been taken before a Past Chancellor of the Order, after reasonable notice to the adverse parties of the time and place of taking the same. The notice required shall be by registered letter, mailed to his last known address.

152. Procedure and Forms to be Determined by Tribunal.

The Grand Tribunal shall have power to prescribe from time to time, and in any manner not inconsistent with the laws of the Order, the forms of writs and other process; the modes of framing and filing proceedings and pleadings; of taking and obtaining evidence, of drawing up, entering and enrolling its decrees and judgments, and generally to regulate the practice to be used by it.

153. All Writs Signed by Recorder. All writs and processes issuing from the Grand Tribunal shall be under the seal thereof and signed by its Recorder, and shall be served and returned in such manner as the Tribunal may prescribe by its rules and regulations, or as shall be provided by law.

154. Causes May be Consolidated. When causes of a like nature or relating to the same question, are pending before the Grand Tribunal, it may make such orders and rules concerning proceedings therein as will best avoid unnecessary costs or delay in the administration of justice. and by consent of the parties shall consolidate such causes when it appears proper so to do.

155. Amendments Allowed for Cause. For good cause shown the Grand Tribunal may allow amendments to the proceedings in causes pending before it, either in the pleadings or by the introduction of new parties, upon such conditions and under such restrictions as it may provide in the Rules of Procedure, or whenever it may be made to appear that the purposes of justice require it. It may also, upon good cause shown, permit parties to be made other than those already parties thereto, upon it being made to satisfactorily appear that they are substantially interested in the subject matter of the controversy.

156. Default Taken if No Appearance. No judgment shall be taken or decree entered by default within less than ten days after it shall have been docketed by the Grand Tribunal. After the cause shall have been docketed therein for twenty days, if the person or body complained of shall not have appeared and defended, the Grand Tribunal shall proceed as if the complaint or the facts alleged in the petition were admitted; *provided, however,* that upon good cause shown, the Grand Tribunal may extend the time for defense against the complaint; or after judgment or decree entered by default, upon good cause shown and upon terms fixed by it, may set aside such judgment or decree and reopen it for proof, and upon the hearing thereof render such judgment as to it may appear right.

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CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO AND REGULATING THE INSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE
LODGES.

157. Institution of Lodge. When a petition for a Subordinate Lodge within this Domain is granted and a warrant issued therefor, the Grand Chancellor shall designate the time and place at which said Subordinate Lodge shall be instituted, and shall cause the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal officially to notify the petitioners that, at that time and place, such Subordinate Lodge will be instituted. At the time and place designated in the notice, the Grand Chancellor, or his duly authorized Deputy, having examined the hall and satisfied himself that it is adapted to the conferring of the Ranks, shall call the meeting of the petitioners to order, and in case of a Deputy, shall read his commission as instituting

officer. He shall also read the petition for the institution of the Lodge, call the list of names upon said petition, and satisfy himself of the identity of each person answering such roll call.

158. Fees shall be Collected. The Instituting Officer shall then collect from each of the petitioners who are not already members of the Order, the fees for three Ranks, the aggregate of which shall not be less than ten dollars, and from those who are members of the Order, not less than five dollars.

159. All Must Pass Secret Ballot. He will then require the applicants to vote by secret ballot on each name on the list, beginning with the last. He may, however, at his discretion, allow a single ballot to be taken for the entire list, having previously notified the applicants that if one black ball should appear on the general ballot, a separate ballot will be required on each name. If the general ballot be fair he shall declare all the applicants elected. If one black ball appear, he will then require a separate ballot as above directed. Should any be rejected, he shall return the fees paid by such rejected person.

160. All Excluded Except Those Having S. A. P. W. The Instituting Officer will then exclude from the hall all who are not in possession of the S. A. P. W.. and proceed to confer the Ranks of Knighthood upon the several petitioners who have been elected thereto.

161. Precedence Given to Officers. In conferring the Ranks, precedence shall be given to those of the petitioners who, at a preliminary meeting, may have been selected the first officers of the Lodge.

162. Election. When the Ranks of Knighthood shall have been conferred upon at least those of the petitioners who may have been previously chosen as officers, the Instituting Officer may proceed to hold the election of officers for said Subordinate Lodge for the current term.

163. Installation. The bonds of the bonded officers having been approved by vote of the petitioners, the Instituting Officer shall install the officers elected and those subsequently appointed.

164. Official Dedication. The Instituting Officer shall then officially declare the Lodge duly instituted, and deliver to the Chancellor Commander the Warrant therefor.

165. Fees Paid Over. The Installing Officer shall then pay over to the Master of Exchequer of the lodge the entire amount received as Rank and membership fees from the petitioners, taking a receipt therefor.

166. Report of Instituting Officer. As soon as practicable after the institution of the lodge, the instituting officer shall forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a report showing :

Paragraph 1. The name, number and location of the lodge, together with a list of its officers and the date of its institution.

Par. 2. The number of petitioners for the institution of the lodge, and the number on whom the Ranks were conferred.

Par. 3. A list of the names of the applicants rejected on ballot.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO THE CONVENTIONS AND BUSINESS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

167. Conventions Held Weekly. The stated conventions of a subordinate lodge shall be held once a week at a place and on the day appointed, and shall not be changed without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor, and previous notice to all the members. The hour of convening shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

168. Special on Call of Chancellor Commander. Special conventions may be ordered by the lodge, or called by the Chancellor Commander on his own motion, or on the written request of five members. No business shall be transacted at a special convention except that stated in the call, due notice of which shall be mailed to every member.

169. Business Transacted in Knight's Rank. All lodge business shall be transacted when the lodge is open in the Knight Rank, except the actual conferring of the Page or the Esquire Rank, and except when conducting the trial of a Page or Esquire.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

170. Elective Officers. The elective officers of a subordinate lodge shall be a Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer, Master-at-Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who shall be elected semi-annually by separate ballots, at the first regular meeting in the months of June and December.

171. Trustees. At the annual election of officers in December, three trustees shall be elected to serve for one year.

CHAPTER IV.

RELATING TO AND REGULATING THE NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND FOR FILLING VACANCIES.

172. Term Office and Officer Applies to Ritualistic Offices. The words "office" and "officer," as used in this Chapter, shall apply to such offices as are designated in the Ritual for Subordinate Lodges and to no others.

173. Any Knight Eligible. Any Knight of good standing in a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member.

174. Nomination to be Made at Any Time. Nominations of candidates for an elective office of a Subordinate Lodge may be made at any time prior to the balloting for such candidates.

175. All Shall Have Opportunity to be Heard: Absence Shall Not Prevent One Being Nominated. The presiding officer shall not close the nominations until every member present has had an opportunity to be heard, nor shall a qualified member, duly nominated, be excluded from the list of nominees because he is not present.

176. Must be Elected Separately. All elective officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be separately elected by majority vote upon written ballot, but votes polled for parties that have not been duly nominated or votes in blank, shall be deemed scattering, and be excluded from the count.

177. Tellers and Duties. When an election is to be held for any office or officers in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint two members as tellers. The Knights entitled to vote shall then be counted, and their number noted. When the poll has been declared open, each qualified Knight shall deposit his ballot. After collecting and counting the ballots, should it appear that a greater number of votes were cast than there were legally qualified Knights voting, and that such excess of votes equals or exceeds the majority which the successful candidate received, then the Chancellor Commander shall declare the ballot illegal and void, and direct that another be taken immediately.

178. Candidate Receiving Lowest Vote Dropped. In case there are three or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom have received a majority of the votes polled on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in each succeeding ballot until an election is had, except in case of a tie vote occurring on the two candidates next to the highest, when it shall be confined to the three highest.

179. Votes to be Sealed on Demand. The tellers shall upon the demand of three members present and voting carefully place all the ballots cast on any vote in an envelope, seal and endorse the same with the number of the vote, as 1st, 2d, etc., and the office voted for. Said envelopes shall be carefully preserved by the Keeper of Records and Seal until the installation of the officers declared elected, and longer if necessary, to be used in any contest made. The recanvass of the vote shall be made by a committee of three appointed by the Grand Chancellor, and the contestant shall have the right to be present at such new canvass.

180. Installation at First Meeting. Except as hereinafter provided, all officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be installed at the first stated meeting of the term for which they are to serve: *provided*, that all requirements of the Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and provided also that no such officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing and has fully paid to the Lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If at the time designated for the installation, an officer elect is absent, the installing officer, unless such absence

be excused by formal vote of the Lodge, or if such officer elect be disqualified for installation, shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. No officer shall assume the duties of his office until he has been regularly installed. Any officer elect who may have been absent from regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his Lodge, may be installed at a subsequent meeting, at the convenience of the Lodge and of the installing officer. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the meeting herein designated, then it shall take place at the earliest meeting thereafter which the convenience of the Lodge and of the installing officer will allow, but in such case the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers elect present at such meeting. All installations of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be by authority of the Grand Lodge, and shall be conducted by the Grand Chancellor or a Deputy duly commissioned therefor by such authority, and only in the form and manner prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the installation service established for Subordinate Lodges.

181. Inattention, Absence or Conduct Subjects Officer to Removal. Any officer may be removed, for inattention to the duties of his station or conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order. Absence for four consecutive Conventions, shall create a vacancy, unless excused by the lodge.

182. Nomination and Election to Fill Vacancy. The nomination and election to fill any vacancy may be held at the same or any regular Convention after a vacancy has been declared.

183. Officers Under Charges May Officiate. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Order, but he may officiate in his office, except on matters connected with the charges, or trial, until the same have been settled.

184. Vacancy in Office of Representative Filed at Regular or Special Convention. If, for any cause, the office of Representative of a Subordinate Lodge is vacated, the same shall be filled by nomination and election, as provided for in sections 174-179, inclusive, of this chapter, at the next or any regular convention after the announcement by the Chancellor Commander in open lodge, that an election will be held to fill such vacancy; *provided*, that when such announcement does not allow the Representative-elect sufficient time to prepare for and travel to the ensuing convention of the Grand Lodge, the lodge may hold such election forthwith, either in regular or special convention.

185. Vacancies Filled in Manner of Original Selection. Vacancies in office, by whatsoever cause produced, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, and such officers shall be installed at the earliest convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer. Officers so chosen and installed shall hold office for the remainder of the official term,

and shall, upon the installation of their successors, be deemed to have served the full term, and in case of the Chancellor Commander shall be entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

186. A C. C. Re-elected is Entitled to Honor of Past Chancellor. A Chancellor Commander serving his first term, who may be elected for another term, is entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor in the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER V.

RELATING TO THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR CREDENTIALS,
INSIGNIA, AND REPORT.

187. Representative's Credential. In order to gain admittance to the Grand Lodge, each Representative must be furnished by his Lodge with a certificate in the following form, a duplicate of which must be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately after his election :

REPRESENTATIVE'S CREDENTIAL.

CASTLE HALL OF..... LODGE No.
..... IOWA.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

GRAND DOMAIN OF IOWA.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Past Chancellor..... has been duly elected a Representative of this Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Iowa, to serve for one year from the second Wednesday in August, 18.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto affixed our hands and the seal of our Lodge, this..... day of....., A. D. 189...., P. P.....

[SEAL]

..... C. C.

Attest:..... K. of R. & S.

188. Jewel. Each Representative shall be required at all conventions of the Grand Lodge to wear a Representative Jewel, as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, and all lodges are required to furnish such jewels to their Representatives.

189. Representative Must Report. A Grand Representative shall submit to his lodge a report in writing within two regular conventions after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER VI.

RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

190. Duties of Chancellor Commander. The Chancellor Commander shall preside at all conventions of the lodge, appoint all officers *pro tempore*, enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the lodge, and those of the Supreme and Grand Lodges, sign all orders on the Master of Exchequer ordered by the vote of the lodge. He shall announce the

result of all balloting or other voting of the lodge, appoint a majority of all committees (unless otherwise ordered by the lodge), and perform all duties pertaining to his office enjoined by the Ritual and laws of the Order. He shall determine when and how much work may be done before conferring the ranks at any convention of the lodge, unless otherwise ordered by the vote of the members present.

191. Vice Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor shall assist the Chancellor Commander in preserving order in the lodge, appoint a minority of all committees (unless otherwise ordered by the lodge), aid him in conducting the ritualistic ceremonies, work, and business of the lodge, and have charge of the inner door. He shall preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws of the Order.

192. Keeper of Records and Seal. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the lodge, make out the semi-annual report of the work and business of the lodge, for the Grand Lodge, and such other documents and notices as may be ordered by the lodge.

193. Same. He shall notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately of any change in his office or postoffice address, or that of the Chancellor Commander, notify sister lodges in the county wherein the lodge may be situated, of all applicants for initiation or membership by card, setting forth their name, age, occupation, place of business, and residence, immediately after their being read to the lodge; give notice to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all rejections of candidates, and the suspension and reinstatement of members; have charge of the correspondence, records, and seal of the lodge, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the By-Laws of the lodge may prescribe.

194. Master of Finance. Before any one shall be installed into the office of Master of Finance he shall file with the lodge a bond, with sureties approved by the lodge, in such sum as shall be fixed by resolution immediately after the election of officers, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Master of Finance and for delivery to his successor at the end of his official term, or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the lodge of which he may become possessed by virtue of his incumbency of said office, which may or should be in his possession at the time the office is vacated.

195. Duties. He shall keep just and correct accounts between the lodge and its members, receive all moneys due the lodge, giving his receipt therefor; pay the same immediately to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt for the same; notify all members who are in arrears; furnish the Keeper of Records and Seal with a statement of the receipts previous-

to the close of each convention ; make out and submit at the first convention in the next term a full and complete report of the transactions of his office, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules, and regulations. He shall receive for his services such compensation as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

196. Master of Exchequer. Before any one shall be installed in the office of Master of Exchequer he shall file with the lodge a bond, with securities approved by the lodge, in such sum as shall be fixed by resolution immediately after the election of officers, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Master of Exchequer, and for the delivery to his successor at the end of his official term, or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the lodge of which he may become possessed by virtue of his incumbency of said office, which may or should be in his possession at the time the office is vacated.

197. Duties. The Master of Exchequer shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately after his installation : he shall receive the funds that should come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall give receipt therefor by his proper signature and official title, and he and his sureties shall be responsible therefor.

198. Same. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Chancellor Commander and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and such orders when properly endorsed by the respective payees, shall be his only valid vouchers for the disbursements of the funds of the lodge.

199. Same. He shall submit to the lodge at the first convention in the next term, a full report of the receipts and disbursements of his office with vouchers.

200. Master at Arms. The Master at Arms shall have charge of the working properties of the lodge, and be held responsible for their safe keeping, and perform such other duties as are required and enjoined by the laws of the Order.

201. Trustees. The Board of Trustees, neither of whom shall be the Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, or Master of Finance of the lodge, shall be charged with the general supervision and care of investments and other lodge property, negotiate and sign all leases, invest in such loans, stocks or other securities as the lodge may direct; call in, sell, and realize on loans, stocks and other investments whenever the lodge shall order the same to be done, collect all interest, dividends, rents and other money arising or accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the lodge, and immediately pay the money collected by them to the Master of Finance.

202. Same. They shall report when called upon by the lodge and make a full report in writing, together with an inventory of all the properties of the lodge, at the first convention in each year.

203. Same. They shall examine and audit all bills and claims, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge.

CHAPTER VII.

RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF THE BOOKS OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICERS.

204. Auditing Committee. On the night of the election of officers there shall be appointed a committee of three Knights for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance, and Keeper of Records and Seal. Said committee shall report in writing at the next stated convention.

205. Same. The Auditing Committee shall also audit the books and accounts of the Trustees, and report to the lodge in writing within thirty days after the close of the last term in each year.

CHAPTER VIII.

RELATING TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

206. Eligibility. The conditions of eligibility to apply for the Ranks of Knighthood, and the manner in which such ranks or any of them may be attained, shall be as prescribed in this Chapter, and not otherwise.

207. Must Reside in Iowa—Qualifications. An applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood must be a resident of the State of Iowa and have resided therein not less than six months and possess the following qualifications:

Paragraph 1. He must be a white male.

Par. 2. He must be of good moral character.

Par. 3. He must be not less than twenty-one, and not more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 4. He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.

Par. 5. He must be in good health and sound in body and mind, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 6. He must be able to read and write.

Par. 7. He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as a professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bar-tender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a *bona fide* hotel-keeper or druggist.)

Par. 8. He must be a believer in the maintenance of order and the upholding of a constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

Par. 9. He must not have been rejected by any Subordinate Lodge as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

208. Must Apply to Lodge where He Resides. Any person eligible under the provisions of the preceding section may make application for the Ranks of Knighthood to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his actual residence, provided that he shall have resided within this Domain for the preceding six months.

Paragraph 1. If a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge other than the one in whose territorial jurisdiction in which he resides, but in this Domain, such application must be accompanied by the permission of a lodge within whose jurisdiction he has his residence.

Par. 2. If a person not a resident in the State of Iowa desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Grand Chancellor of the Domain within which he resides.

209. Form of Application. The application shall state the age, race, residence and occupation of the applicant, and shall aver that he is in all respects eligible to the admission under the provisions of the Supreme law, and shall be in form as follows:

To----- Lodge No. -----, *Knights of Pythias of Iowa*:

I respectfully apply for the Ranks of Knighthood and for membership in your Lodge, and in the Order of Knights of Pythias. I declare upon my honor that I am a white male: that I am of good moral character: that I was -----years of age on the-----day of-----last past: that I am a believer in a Supreme Being: that I am in good health and sound in mind and body; that I am able to read and write: that I am not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bartender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a *bona fide* hotel-keeper or druggist); that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live; that I have not been rejected as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding the date of this application.

I have been an actual and *bona fide* resident of this state continuously during the past six months.

My occupation is-----; place of business-----;
post-office address -----

If this application be granted, I promise a full and faithful observance of all the laws that govern your Lodge and the Order.

I have carefully read the law as printed on the back hereof.

The fee of \$----- accompanies this application.

Written and signed by my own hand, this ----- day of ----- 189--

(Signed) -----

210. Must be Signed by Applicant and Endorsed by Two Members. Such application should be signed in the applicant's own handwriting, and endorsed by two members of the lodge in good standing, who have attained the Rank of Knight, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee. If the lodge so require, such application must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, approved by the lodge, as to the health of the applicant, in which the fee for medical examination shall be paid by the applicant in addition to the Rank fees. Except as provided for in this and the preceding sections of this chapter, no application for the

Ranks of Knighthood shall be received or considered by a lodge of the Order in this Domain.

211. Received and Referred to Committee. Such application may be received at any stated Convention of the Lodge, and shall be referred to an Investigating Committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant. All other lodges in the county of this Domain in which the lodge to which application is made is situated, shall at once be notified that the application has been received, giving name, age, occupation and place of residence of the applicant and names of Committee of Investigation.

212. Must Report at Second Convention. At the second stated convention thereafter, the application shall again be read, and, unless by a majority vote of the lodge further time be granted, the committee having investigated as to character and qualifications of the applicant, shall report at the convention.

213. Ballot Must be Had Whether Favorable or Not. Upon the report of the investigating committee, whether favorable or otherwise, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot. Should all the ballots cast be white, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but should two or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. In case only one black ball appears upon the first ballot, the ballot must be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, the applicant shall be declared elected and entitled to receive all the ranks of knighthood; but if one or more black balls appear upon the second ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section.

214. Manner of Taking Ballot. Before the commencement of a secret ball ballot, the ballot box shall be presented by the Master at Arms to the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor for inspection, and such officers shall satisfy themselves that the inner depository of such ballot box is empty, after which the ballot box shall be placed upon the altar and the members deposit their ballots. Upon the completion of the ballot, the ballot box shall be presented to the Vice-Chancellor at his station, and the result of such ballot shall be announced by him to the Chancellor Commander. The ballot box shall then be presented to the Chancellor Commander, and if the ballot is found to be as announced by the Vice-Chancellor, the result thereof shall be declared to the lodge by the Chancellor Commander, as in this chapter hereinbefore provided. Should the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor disagree as to the result of the ballot, the ballot box shall be presented to the Prelate at his station, and he shall inspect the same and announce to the Chancellor Commander the result of the ballot. The decision of the Prelate in such case shall be final, and the result as announced by the Prelate shall be declared by the Chancellor

Commander to the lodge. The number of black balls appearing upon any ballot shall in no case be declared by either of the officers to whom the ballot box may have been presented for inspection, as in this section hereinbefore provided.

215. Written Objection May be Filed. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the Ranks of Knighthood and before either of such ranks has been conferred upon him, two or more members of the lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to his admission, the Chancellor Commander, without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of initiation shall be vacated, whereupon the candidate may receive the Ranks of Knighthood as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not withdrawn they shall operate as black balls, and at the first meeting after the expiration of such thirty days the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected. If similar objection to the advancement of a member who has not attained the rank as Esquire or Knight be filed, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement, which shall be entered upon the records of the lodge and the advancement of the member be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of advancement shall be vacated, whereupon the member shall receive the ranks of knighthood not already attained, as if no objection had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then after the expiration of such thirty days, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in sections 213-214 of this chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced as if no objections had been filed; but, if the result of such ballot be unfavorable, all fees paid by the member for ranks not already attained by him shall be at once returned, and his advancement shall be permanently stayed; *provided*, that after six months from the date of such permanent stay, the member, if in good standing in the lodge, may apply for advancement, accompanying his application with the amount of the fee then required by law, and such application shall be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in sections 213-214 of this chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the permanent stay shall be vacated and the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objections had been filed; but if the ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the member rejected for advancement, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

216. Ballot Cannot be Reconsidered Except. No ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall at any time be reconsidered or renewed, except as provided in Sections of this Chapter.

217. Fees Returned if Rejected. If an application for the Ranks of Knighthood be rejected, all fees received from the applicant for Ranks shall be at once returned to him, and notice of his rejection shall immediately be sent by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, setting forth the name, age, occupation, and residence of such rejected applicant.

218. Application Cannot be Withdrawn. No application shall be withdrawn, except by consent of the lodge, given by a vote of a majority of the members present, nor at all after the report of the Investigating Committee has been read to the lodge. No discussion of the result of a ballot or of the merits or demerits of a candidate shall be permitted at any time after such ballot, either in the lodge or out of it; nor shall any member of the Order disclose, directly or indirectly, the report of the Investigating Committee or the character of any vote supposed to have been cast upon such ballot.

219. Failure to Attend for Six Conventions Forfeits Fees. Every applicant elected to membership failing to present himself for initiation within six stated conventions of the lodge, after being notified of his election (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence), shall forfeit the amount paid by him to the lodge.

220. Ranks May be Conferred by Lodges Upon Request. A subordinate lodge may confer the Ranks of Esquire and Knight, or either of them, upon a member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Page or Esquire in another lodge, upon the request of such other lodge under seal. The subordinate lodge which shall have conferred a Rank in accordance with this Section shall immediately notify the lodge which preferred the request therefor of the date upon which such Rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the books of the lodge receiving it.

221. One Week Must Elapse. One week must elapse between the conferring of any two Ranks upon the same person, except at the first four conventions of a new lodge, and except as otherwise permitted by dispensation.

222. Rank Cannot be Conferred Until Fee is Paid. No Rank shall be conferred until the fee therefor has been paid, and no portion of such fee shall be returned, refunded or donated, directly or indirectly, except as provided for in this chapter.

223. Team May Confer. The Chancellor Commander, at his pleasure, may call any Knight to the chair to assist in conferring any Rank of Knighthood; or, by consent of the lodge, he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part or all of whom may be members of other lodges; provided that the lodge shall remain under the

control of its Chancellor Commander or one of its officers legally qualified to preside; but the S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or in his absence by the Vice-Chancellor of the lodge.

CHAPTER IX.

RELATING TO AND THE REGULATION OF AND CONTROLLING OF DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

224. Dues Must be Paid. Every member of the Order shall pay dues to his lodge, and different rates of dues may be required from members of the different Ranks of Knighthood; *provided*, that in no case shall the dues charged to members of the Knight Rank be less than four dollars.

225. Begin With Page. Dues shall begin with the date of the initiation as Page, or of affiliation by card, and if the date of said initiation or affiliation be after the beginning of a quarter, the said Page or member by affiliation shall be charged for the unexpired portion of such quarter.

226. When in Arrears. A member shall be in arrears when his dues accrued at the end of the quarter ending on each of the last days of March, June, September and December in each year remain unpaid at midnight of the last day of any of the said months.

227. Assessments May be Made. Subordinate lodges may, subject to the Supreme Law, provide for the imposition of assessments for sick or funeral benefits or nurse hire, which assessments shall become due and payable upon the next succeeding date for the payment of dues, and their non-payment at such date shall thereupon render the member in arrears and subject to all the provisions of this Chapter; *provided*, that assessments imposed within one month preceding the end of a stated period for which dues are payable shall not become due and payable until the next succeeding date for payment of dues.

228. Member in Arrears to be Suspended. When a member shall have become in arrears for dues and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues, the Master of Finance of his lodge shall forthwith notify him, by mail to his address as shown upon the books of the lodge, that he is so in arrears, and that if such arrearages are not paid within thirty days after date of such notice, he will be suspended from the lodge and from the Order. The Master of Finance shall receive any payment which may be tendered to him in response to such notice, at any time prior to the action of the lodge thereon; *provided*, the amount so tendered shall at least equal three months dues. If at a convention of the lodge held after the expiration of the time specified in such notice the member so notified shall not have made payment of arrearages as hereinbefore provided, the Master of Finance shall notify the lodge to that effect and that

the notice required by this Section has been sent. The account of the member shall thereupon be read, when if objections be made to the account such objections shall be fully stated, and hearing had before the lodge. Immediately upon the reading of the account, or after the hearing thereon if objection be made thereto, the question whether or not the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues shall be submitted to vote of the lodge, and if the lodge shall vote that the member is so in arrears, the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon declare him suspended from the lodge and from the Order, and such suspension shall be entered upon the records of the lodge; but such declaration by the Chancellor Commander shall in no case be made unless the lodge shall previously determine by formal vote that the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, which facts must be made of record upon the books of the lodge; provided that the member shall not be so declared suspended if at the time he be under charges.

229. Status of Suspended Member. A member who shall be suspended under the provisions of this chapter shall be known as a suspended member, and shall have no claim upon the Order, nor upon any lodge thereof, nor upon any member of the Order, for any Pythian right, benefit or privilege whatsoever, until after he shall have been reinstated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues or assessments during the period of his suspension.

230. May be Tried for Offenses. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him, either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before the lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the Order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged, the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order, and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given that lodge through the Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER X.

RELATING TO AND DEFINING GOOD STANDING IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

231. Good Standing Defined. A Page, Esquire or Knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member:

Paragraph 1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of the arrearages or for other causes.

Par. 2. If he is not under trial in a Subordinate Lodge for the violation of Pythian laws or other offenses punishable by suspension or expulsion from membership.

Par. 3. If he is not subject to charges duly made and filed, as provided by law.

Par. 4. If he has not renounced the Order.

CHAPTER XI.

RELATING TO THE ISSUE AND THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF CARDS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LODGE MEMBERSHIP.

232. Application for Transfer Card. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature for a Transfer Card. Such application shall state the name, number and location of the lodge to which such member desires to transfer his membership, and shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by law for a Transfer Card and the amount of his dues and assessments accrued, and dues in advance for ninety days from the date of the presentation of such applications to the lodge.

233. To be Read and Ordered by Chancellor Commander. An application for a Transfer Card shall be read in open lodge, and a record of such fact made upon the minutes of the lodge, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next regular convention of the lodge, at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant, and he be in good standing in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall order the Transfer Card to be issued without any vote of the lodge. When the issue of such card has been ordered by the Chancellor Commander, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith prepare the same and cause it to be duly signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by himself, and shall deliver it to the member requesting it, either in person or by mail to his address as it appears on the books of the lodge.

234. Must be Addressed to Lodge to which He Desires to Change. The Transfer Card shall be addressed to the lodge which the applicant has designated in his application, shall certify to the Rank of Knighthood which he may have attained, and to his good standing in the lodge of issue, and shall recite the holder's desire to become affiliated with the lodge to which it is addressed.

235. Holder May Apply for Membership. The holder of a Transfer Card may apply, subject to the provisions of Title III., Chapter viii., Sections 207-209, Grand Statutes, for membership to the lodge to which such Transfer Card is addressed, and shall attach such Transfer Card to his application and accompany the same with the affiliation fee prescribed by law; *provided, that*, under the provisions of said Chapter viii., the permission of the lodge of issue to make such application is required, then such Transfer Card shall be deemed and taken as such permission.

236. Applicant Subject to Investigation and Ballot. Any application for membership by deposit of Transfer Card shall be subject to the investigation and ballot provided in Title III., Chapter viii., Sections 211 to 214, Grand Statutes. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the lodge of issue of such Transfer Card shall thereupon cease and determine, and his membership in the lodge to which his application is made shall begin. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the lodge issuing the Transfer Card. Upon receipt of such notice by the lodge of issue, it shall be read in open lodge and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance upon the books of the lodge. If the application be rejected, the Transfer Card shall be filed in the lodge to which it is addressed, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that lodge for ninety days from the date of the Transfer Card.

237. Rights of Holder. The rights of the holder of a Transfer Card as an officer in the lodge of issue, or as Grand Representative from such lodge, shall not be impaired by reason of the issue or deposit of such Transfer Card until his election to membership in the lodge to which it is addressed, but thereupon any such right shall finally cease and determine. If the lodge of deposit of a Transfer Card be within this Domain, the rights of the holder thereof as an officer in the Grand Lodge, or as Supreme Representative from the Grand Lodge shall not be affected or impaired by the issue or deposit of such Transfer Card; but if the lodge of deposit of a Transfer Card be not within this Domain, then all such rights of the holder of such Transfer Cards shall cease and determine upon his election to membership in the lodge of deposit.

238. Fee to be Fixed by Lodge. A Subordinate Lodge may establish the fee to accompany an application for affiliation by the deposit of a transfer card and for the issue of such cards; *provided*, that the fee for issuance of such card shall not be less than one dollar.

CHAPTER XII.

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF AND THE ISSUE AND USE OF WITHDRAWAL CARDS, GRAND LODGE CARDS AND SUPREME LODGE CARDS.

239. Withdrawal Card and Fee. Any member of the Order who is not indebted to his lodge, and is not under charges, may apply to his lodge in writing over his own signature for a withdrawal card. The fee to accompany such application shall be one dollar.

240. Application for. Such application shall be read in open lodge, whereupon the Chancellor Commander shall inquire whether objection exists to the issue of such card, and if no objection be made, he shall, except as provided in Section 247 of this Statute, at once order its issuance, without formal vote of the lodge thereon. If objection be made, the Chancellor Commander shall at once require the objection to be formulated in

writing, as charges against the applicant for the card, which charges shall take the course provided by law, unless the application be withdrawn: and if upon final hearing the defendant be convicted, the application shall be denied and no further application from him for such card shall be received or considered until the penalty following such conviction shall have been fully discharged. If the applicant be acquitted, the Chancellor Commander shall, except as provided in Section 247 of this Statute, thereupon order that the card be issued, unless the applicant shall have withdrawn, in writing, his request therefor. In any case where the Chancellor Commander shall order the issue of a withdrawal card, he shall endorse his order upon the application for the card, with the date thereof, and the card shall be at once prepared and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal and signed by the Chancellor Commander, and delivered immediately to the applicant therefor, either in person or by mail to his address as shown on the books of the lodge.

241. Application for by Member of Defunct Lodge. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct, may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge, accompanying his application with satisfactory proof of his good standing in his Subordinate Lodge when the same became defunct, together with the fee of one dollar; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, directing the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge card.

242. Grand Lodge Card Issued to Member of Defunct Lodge. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct, who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor, accompanying his application with the fee of one dollar for the card and the amount of one year's dues, as required by his lodge at the date of his suspension; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, and shall cause a Grand Lodge card to be issued and delivered to the applicant, as provided in the preceding section.

243. Member Holding Withdrawal or Grand Lodge Card Shall be Known as an ex-Member. Upon the order of the Chancellor Commander for the issue of a withdrawal card, or of the Grand Chancellor for the issue of a Grand Lodge card, the applicant therefor shall be known as an ex-member of the Order, and the membership of such applicant in his lodge and in the Order shall cease and determine, except as hereinafter provided, and any official position held by him shall thereupon become vacant; but honors previously attained by him shall be retained. He shall have no claim upon the Order or upon any lodge thereof for any Pythian privilege or benefit whatsoever.

244. Ex-Member Liable for Offenses. If an ex-member, as defined in the preceding Section, shall commit an offense against the Order which, if committed by a member of the Order, would subject the

offender to the penalties prescribed for such offenses, then, and in that case, such ex-member may be proceeded against as if he were a member of the Order, and upon conviction of the offense as charged, the withdrawal Card held by such ex-member shall stand revoked and annulled, and the holder of such card shall thereupon be perpetually prohibited from gaining membership in any lodge of the Order.

245. Holders of Withdrawal Card May Apply for Membership. Should the holder of a withdrawal card, a Grand Lodge Card or Supreme Lodge Card desire at any time to become affiliated with any Subordinate Lodge, he must make application to such lodge in the manner provided in Title III., Chapter vii., Grand Statutes, and attach his card to such application. All the provisions of said Statute shall apply to such application, except that in case of rejection the card shall be returned to the applicant, and except, also, that in such case the application may be renewed to the same or (subject to the provisions of said Chapter) to a different Subordinate Lodge, after one month from the date of such rejection. If the applicant be elected, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge at once to notify the lodge of issue thereof, and the membership of the applicant shall date from such election.

246. Duplicate of Lost Card May be Issued. Should any card be lost or destroyed, the holder thereof may apply in writing to the source of issue for a duplicate, which, upon satisfactory proof of such loss and upon payment of one dollar, shall at once be issued and delivered to him. If a card has been mutilated or defaced, the holder may surrender such card to the source of issue, and upon his request and payment of one dollar, a duplicate shall be issued and delivered to him. There shall be written or printed in red ink, across the face of any card issued under the provisions of this Section, the word "Duplicate."

247. Cards Not to be Issued to Officers Under Charges. No Subordinate Lodge shall issue a card to a Past Chancellor, a Past Grand Chancellor or a Past Supreme Chancellor who may be under charges in his Grand Lodge or the Supreme Lodge; and should such card be so issued, it shall not be pleaded in bar of the proceeding under the charges, nor of the findings upon the same.

248. May be Revoked, Annulled, Etc. The cards provided for in this statute, and withdrawal cards heretofore issued, may be revoked, annulled or deposited, as in this Chapter hereinbefore provided for the revocation, annulment or deposit of withdrawal cards, Grand Lodge cards or Supreme Lodge cards: and, until so revoked, annulled or deposited, they shall be valid.

CHAPTER XIII.

RELATING TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS SUSPENDED FOR NON-
PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES.

249. May Apply for Reinstatement Upon Payment of Dues of Not Less Than One Year. A former member of the Order,

who has been suspended from membership in his Subordinate Lodge and in the Order, for the non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the Subordinate lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by the amount of his indebtedness to the lodge at the time of his suspension, for such sum as the by-laws of such lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall be not less than one year's dues.

250. Request be Referred to Committee. Such application shall be read in open lodge, at a stated convention thereof, and referred to an investigating committee of three, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, and no further action shall be taken on such application by the lodge for one week, and until the report of the investigating committee shall have been made to the lodge.

251. Ballot by Balls—Two-thirds to Elect. Upon the report of the investigating committee and subject to the restrictions of the preceding section, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, except that, if two-thirds of all the balls deposited upon such ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for reinstatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the reinstatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section.

252. Not Chargeable With Dues or Assessments. A member of the Order, who has been reinstated to membership as hereinbefore provided, shall not be chargeable with any dues accrued during the period of his suspension, nor with any assessment imposed during such period.

CHAPTER XIV.

RELATING TO AND DEFINING THE STATUS OF MEMBERS UNDER SUSPENSION FOR ANY CAUSE OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES, THE CONTROL THAT MAY BE EXERCISED OVER THEM AND THE METHODS BY WHICH THEY MAY REGAIN MEMBERSHIP.

253. Penalty With Term Fixed by Lodge or at Its Pleasure. The penalty of suspension from the Order for offenses against it may be either:

Paragraph 1. For a term fixed by the lodge at the time of suspension, which shall be known as "definite suspension," or

Par. 2. At the pleasure of the lodge, which shall be known as "indefinite suspension."

254. Not Chargeable With Dues or Assessments and Has no Claim Upon the Order. A person who may be under suspension, either definite or indefinite, shall have no claim upon the Order, nor upon any lodge or member thereof, nor any Pythian Knight, privilege or benefit whatsoever, until after his suspension shall have been terminated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues or assessments during the period of his suspension.

255. Charges May be Preferred in Any Lodge. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him, either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before such lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the Order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged, the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order; and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given to that lodge through its Keeper of Records and Seal.

256. At Expiration of Period of Suspension Member is in Full Standing. A person under "indefinite" suspension shall, at the expiration of the term of such suspension, become and be reinstated to the standing held by him at the date of his suspension, without formal vote or action of the lodge, and shall thereupon be subject to all the obligations and entitled to all the rights pertaining to such standing.

257. May Apply for Reinstatement Before Expiration. If a person who is under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall desire reinstatement prior to the expiration of such suspension, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of this Grand Domain for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was suspended for immediate reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement, or may reduce the term of suspension; *provided*, that at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

258. May Apply if Lodge is Defunct to Any Lodge in Whose Jurisdiction He Lives. When a lodge by whose action a person is under "indefinite" suspension, or under "definite" suspension, the term of which has not expired, has become defunct, and such person

desires reinstatement in the Order, he may petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to apply to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, for reinstatement to membership in the Order; whereupon said Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation, to the Grand Lodge at its next convention. Should the Grand Lodge grant the petition the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall give the petitioner official printed or written notice thereof, in manner and form as follows:

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, K. OF P.

-----, 18-- , P. P--

To -----, formerly a member of -----
Lodge No. ----- (defunct), of this Grand Domain:

Whereas, on or about the ----- day of -----, 18-- , after due trial, you were, for cause, duly suspended for -----; and whereas, after such suspension, and before its termination, said lodge became defunct, and so remains; and whereas, you have, in accordance with the forms of law, filed with the Grand Chancellor of this Grand Lodge a petition for permission to apply for reinstatement to membership in the Order; and whereas, after due hearing, this Grand Lodge has granted the prayer of said petition.

Now, therefore, this notice thereof is issued to you, the said -----, and shall have the same force as, and may be used in lieu of a Withdrawal Card:

In witness thereof, I have hereto affixed my official signature and the seal of the Grand Lodge, the day and year first above written.

.....
: SEAL OF :
: GRAND :
: LODGE. :
:.....

Attest:

-----,
Grand Chancellor.

-----,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER XV.

RELATING TO FUNERAL BENEFITS.

259. Lodge Must Pay Twenty Dollars. Each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain shall pay a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars, upon the death of a member thereof, of any rank, who was in good standing at the time of his death, said payment to be made as provided in the By-Laws of the lodge.

260. When Larger Sum is Provided for, Lodge May Control Payment. A Subordinate Lodge which provides for the payment of a larger sum than twenty dollars as a funeral benefit may prescribe the person or persons to whom the amount in excess of that sum shall be paid, or it may provide that the amount in excess thereof shall be expended under the direction of the lodge toward defraying the funeral expenses of the

deceased member. To be entitled to the privileges conferred by this section, a Subordinate Lodge must take advantage thereof by the adoption of such provision in its By-Laws as will secure them.

261. Lodge Sole Judge of How Excess Shall be Applied. When a Subordinate Lodge provides in its By-Laws that the amount of the funeral benefit in excess of twenty dollars shall be applied toward the payment of funeral expenses, it shall be sole judge as to what portions of said excess shall be expended for that purpose, and the rights of a party entitled under the By-Laws of a lodge to the twenty-dollar funeral benefit shall be held to have been satisfied whenever such twenty dollars have been paid to such party.

262. Suicide of Member Does Not Release Lodge. The suicide of a member shall not release the Subordinate Lodge from payment of funeral benefits.

CHAPTER XVI.

RELATING TO WEEKLY BENEFITS AND RELIEF COMMITTEE.

263. May Provide for Weekly Benefits. Each Subordinate Lodge may provide for the payment of weekly benefits in case of sickness or disability.

264. Relief Committee Must be Appointed. Immediately upon his installation the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a Relief Committee of three, who shall hold their positions during the term in which they are appointed.

265. Duties to be Prescribed in the By-Laws. The Relief Committee shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge.

CHAPTER XVII.

RELATING TO ARREARS.

266. Members in Arrears Cannot Vote. Every member in arrears to the lodge shall not be entitled to vote, and shall stand suspended from all benefits, advantages, or care of the lodge.

267. Member Under Charges When Acquitted is Entitled to Benefits as of Date of Charges. When, after due trial, a member has been acquitted, all rights to benefits, possessed by him, are revived as of the time charges were preferred, if otherwise entitled thereto.

CHAPTER XVIII.

RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER OTHER THAN THE CHANCELLOR COMMANDER OR VICE-CHANCELLOR.

268. Absence or Failure of C. C. or V. C. to Preside, Lodge Shall Elect. The Chancellor Commander is the executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge, and in addition to his duties as such it shall be his duty

to preside at all the conventions of his lodge. In the event of his absence at the time fixed by law for calling a convention to order, or in case he is present at that time and fails or refuses to call the lodge to order within fifteen minutes of the time fixed by law for opening the lodge, and a quorum is present, the Vice-Chancellor shall take the chair and perform, for the time being, the duties of Chancellor Commander. If both of these officers are absent, or are present and neglect or refuse to preside, the members present shall proceed to select, by vote, some one from among themselves to preside, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and in case of failure to secure a presiding officer from among them, then upon those who have received the Rank of Knight. The person so selected to preside shall have, while in the chair, the same power to conduct the business of the lodge, and to preside while the Ranks are being conferred, that is devolved by law upon a Chancellor Commander.

CHAPTER XIX.

RELATING TO VOTING IN A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

269. Majority of Votes Decides All Questions Except Appropriations. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall decide all elections or motions not otherwise provided for, but questions that involve an appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

270. Each Member Shall Vote. Each member shall, if present, vote upon all questions and at all elections of members and officers unless excused by the lodge.

CHAPTER XX.

RELATING TO THE RESORT TO CIVIL COURTS BY MEMBERS.

271. Members must Exhaust Remedy in the Order Before Applying to the Court. Members of the Order shall not resort to the civil courts of the land for establishing rights and redressing grievances growing out of membership in the Order, until they shall have exhausted their remedies in the Tribunals of the Order.

CHAPTER XXI.

RELATING TO WARRANTS AND CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

272. Fifteen or more May Petition for Warrant. Whenever fifteen or more persons, eligible under the supreme law to receive the Rank of Knighthood, shall desire to establish a Subordinate Lodge of the Order within this Domain, they may petition the Grand Chancellor for a warrant. Such petition shall be signed by each petitioner in his own handwriting, giving the age, residence and occupation of each, and shall be in the form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

273. Petition Must be Forwarded to G. C., Who May Direct Warrant to Issue. The petition described in the foregoing

Section shall be forwarded to the Grand Chancellor. In case any of the petitioners are holders of Withdrawal Cards, then such cards shall accompany such petition. If the Grand Chancellor, after due investigation, shall determine to grant such petition, he shall cause a warrant for the institution of such Subordinate Lodge to be at once prepared by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall issue the same.

274. Lodge Cannot be Known by Name of Living Person.

No warrant or charter shall be granted to a Subordinate Lodge to be known by a name or title which is the name or title of a living person.

275. Charters May be Issued. Charters shall be issued by the Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodges which have been in existence as warranted lodges previous to the annual convention and made one return, which must evidence that they are prosperous, solvent, and with fair prospects of being successful, and have fully conformed to the laws of this Grand Lodge and the usages of the Order.

276. Upon Recommendation of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Chairman of Committee on Credentials. Charters shall be issued upon the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Chairman of Committee on Credentials, when the application and recommendation are fully approved by the Committee on Warrants and Charters.

277. Lodge Must Apply for Charter. Not more than one convention of the Grand Lodge shall pass before a warranted lodge shall apply for a charter, or show satisfactory cause why it does not apply.

278. Issue of Charter Vacates Warrant. The issue of a charter, as provided in the preceding section, shall vacate the warrant under which such Subordinate Lodge was instituted, and such warrant shall be at once returned to and deposited with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Lodge, and no act done under such warrant after the issue of a charter in lieu thereof shall be valid and legal.

279. Duplicate Issued in Case of Loss. Should the warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge be lost or destroyed, the Grand Chancellor may issue a warrant to serve in lieu of such warrant or charter until the next convention of the Grand Lodge, when upon a petition of such Subordinate Lodge, and at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, a duplicate warrant or charter may be issued.

280. Must be Displayed While in Session. No meeting of a Subordinate Lodge shall be legal unless its warrant or charter be displayed in the lodge room whenever in session.

281. Cannot be Surrendered While Seven Vote Against It. No Subordinate Lodge shall surrender its warrant or charter so long as seven members shall vote against such surrender, nor unless two weeks' notice, in writing, of the convention at which the proposed surrender is to be acted upon shall have been given to every member of the lodge.

282. If Suspended or Dissolved Last Officer to Deliver Property. When a lodge is suspended or dissolved, or its warrant or charter arrested, it shall be the duty of the last Chancellor Commander or of its senior officer, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor or his deputy, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia, and all other property and effects.

283. May be Suspended for Disloyalty, Etc. The warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge which shall be guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the Order, or which shall neglect or refuse to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme or Grand law, or any mandate of the Supreme or Grand Tribunal, or of the Supreme Chancellor, or of any law of the Grand Lodge, or any mandate of the Grand Chancellor thereof, or either of them, may be suspended.

284. Entitled to Trial Before Suspension. Before the warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge is suspended, except in cases otherwise provided for, the lodge shall be entitled to a trial on the cause or causes alleged for such suspension, and the trial of such causes shall be before the Grand Tribunal, and the notices and processes of trial in the cause or causes shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Grand Tribunal. The Grand Tribunal shall, after due hearing of the cause, return a verdict, award the penalty, if any, and make the necessary order or orders in the cause. In all such causes the verdict, penalty or orders of the Grand Tribunal shall be certified to the Grand Chancellor and parties in interest, and in case the said verdict, penalty or order shall require the punishment of a lodge, or the suspension of its warrant or charter, the Grand Chancellor shall immediately enforce the requirements of the orders and decree of said Grand Tribunal in the cause. No such warrant or charter shall be revoked except by a formal vote of the Grand Lodge.

285. Suspended, May be Restored by Grand Lodge. The warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge which has been surrendered or suspended in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, may be restored to the members thereof who petitioned for such restoration at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge or of the Grand Chancellor, and in such case the members thereof and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards from, or under suspension by, such Subordinate Lodge shall hold the same relation to the reinstated lodge as they held thereto at the date of the surrender or suspension of its warrant or charter.

286. Revoked May be Restored. A warrant or charter which has been revoked under the provisions of this chapter may be restored by the Grand Lodge to such of the members thereof as petition therefor. Such Lodge, so reorganized, shall have jurisdiction or control only over the person to whom such warrant or charter may have been restored, except as others may subsequently become members thereof in the manner provided by law.

287. When Suspended, Property Reverts to Grand Lodge.

When a lodge is suspended, or its warrant or charter arrested, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds, and all other property and effects at once revert to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander, the Trustees, or other officer or officers of such lodge in custody thereof, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy, the warrant or charter of said lodge and said other property and effects, together with all papers and writings relative to or affecting the title thereof.

288. Property Restored When Reinstated. All funds, property or effects received by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor from a dissolved or suspended Lodge shall be restored thereto in the event of its being reinstated within two years.

289. If Not Reinstated in Two Years Title Becomes Absolute in Grand Lodge. In case a lodge shall not be reinstated within two years after its dissolution or suspension, all property and effects so received from such lodge shall become the absolute property of the Grand Lodge : *provided*, that any legitimate claims there may have been against said lodge at the time of dissolution or suspension, for borrowed money, paraphernalia, or rent of castle hall, or on account of any necessary running expense, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge out of the money or property received from said lodge, if sufficient money or property shall have been so received. And if the Grand Lodge shall not have so received sufficient money or property, then all the money or property so received by the Grand Lodge from said lodge shall be applied to the payment of said claims against said lodge, *pro rata*.

CHAPTER XXII.

RELATING TO FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

290. Shall Not be Less Than Fifteen Dollars. The fees for the Ranks of Knighthood shall be as fixed by the By-Laws of each Subordinate Lodge, but except in the case of new lodges, shall not be less than fifteen dollars. Not less than one-third of the total amount of the fee prescribed for the Rank of Knighthood must be paid into the exchequer of an existing lodge before an applicant for membership therein by initiation can be legally elected to receive the Rank of Knighthood.

291. Fees Must be Paid in Advance. Fees for each Rank, for affiliation by card, and for reinstatement, must be paid in advance.

CHAPTER XXIII.

RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF FUNDS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

292. Fees and Dues a Trust Fund. The receipts from fees and dues and the increment thereof shall constitute a trust fund for carrying out the fraternal and beneficial features of the Order, and shall not be expended for any other than those purposes, and the payment of the necessary expenses of the lodge. This fund shall not be subject to partition

among the members of the lodge; and in case a lodge shall from any cause cease to exist, said funds shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

293. Special Fund Subordinate Lodges may by By-Law establish a fund, separate from the General Fund, to be known and designated as a Special Fund.

294. To be Used For Entertainment. Such special fund may be used for the purpose of providing entertainments or any other purpose that would reflect credit upon the Order.

295. Shall Consist of Donations and Proceeds of Fines and Assessments. Such funds shall consist of such donations as may be made to it, and the profits of any entertainment given thereby, and of money derived from fines and assessments.

296. When Discontinued Funds Carried to General Fund. Any lodge may discontinue such special fund or transfer the whole or any part thereof to the general fund. In the event of such discontinuation the proceeds of fines and assessments shall be carried to the general fund.

CHAPTER XXIV.

RELATING TO RITUALS.

297. In Custody of Chancellor Commander Under Lock, Etc. The Rituals for Subordinate Lodges, which under the provisions of Supreme law, may be received by any Subordinate Lodge, shall be in the custody and control of the Chancellor Commander of such Subordinate Lodge, except when they may be in actual use during a convention thereof. When not in use they shall be kept by him securely locked in a box or other receptacle prepared therefor. At the installation of officers for a new term the outgoing Chancellor Commander shall deliver the Rituals in his custody to the installing officer, and they shall be delivered by such installing officer to the incoming Chancellor Commander upon his receipt therefor.

298. Shall Not be Loaned or Taken From Room. No Chancellor Commander shall loan any Subordinate Lodge Rituals, which may be in his custody, to any officer or member of the Order whomsoever, nor permit such Rituals to be taken from the lodge room, but he may permit such Rituals to be used within the lodge room by any officer or member who has attained the Rank of Knight who may desire to familiarize himself therewith, upon pledge of his Knightly honor that such Rituals shall not be taken from the lodge room.

CHAPTER XXV.

RELATING TO RULES OF ORDER FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

299 Guide. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide for Subordinate Lodges in all cases not hereinafter provided.

300. Members to Invest with Jewels. When the Chancellor Commander takes the chair, the officers and members shall be invested with proper jewels and take their seats.

301. Order and Exceptions. The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the "Order of Business," except in case of official visitations from the Supreme or Grand Lodge officers, when all business except when a Rank is being conferred, shall immediately be laid aside, until the object of the visit is accomplished.

302. Punishment for Misbehavior. Any member who shall misbehave in the conventions of the lodge, disturb the order of harmony thereof by using abusive, disorderly, or profane language, or refuse obedience to the rules, shall be admonished for his offense, and if he offend again, shall be excluded from the room for the evening and afterward dealt with as the laws prescribe.

303. Duties of C. C.—Appeals. The Chancellor Commander shall preserve order and announce the decisions of the lodge on all subjects; he shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the lodge by any member, when the question before the lodge shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?"

304. Form of Motion Before putting the question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the lodge ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, and a majority of the lodge is ready for the question, he shall rise and put it: and after he shall have put it, members shall not be permitted to speak.

305. If Two or More Rise. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

306. Member must Confine Himself to Question. Each member speaking shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities.

307. Interruption not Permitted. A member shall not be interrupted while speaking, except by a call to order.

308. If Called to Order Must be Seated. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may then proceed.

309. Must Not Speak More than Once. A member shall not speak more than once on the same question, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission of the presiding officer; and every member speaking shall designate the officer or member spoken by his proper Rank or title.

310. Precedence of Motions. When a question is before the lodge, no motion shall be in order, except it be to proceed to close, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to recommit, or to amend, which motions shall

severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. - The first three shall be decided without debate.

311. Previous Question. On the call of two members, a majority of the lodge may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question be put?" And until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

312. Chairman. The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman, unless another is chosen by the members of the committee.

313. Member May be Excused. Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of two other committees. A member, when appointed on a committee during his absence from the lodge, cannot claim excuse, if properly notified by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

314. Chairman must Notify. The chairman of a committee shall notify the members thereof to meet at such time and place as he may designate.

315. Filling of Blanks. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number and the longest and latest time proposed.

CHAPTER XXVI.

RELATING TO REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

316. Semi-Annual Report Must be Made at Close of Term. At the close of every semi-annual term, each Subordinate Lodge shall make a full report on the blank furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, properly filled out, duly attested with the signature of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal and bearing the seal of the lodge.

317. Sent to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal with Amount Due Grand Lodge. The semi-annual reports shall be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal promptly, accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge in post-office money order or bank draft.

318. Failure to Have Report in His Hands Thirty Days Previous to Convention Forfeits Seat. If any lodge fails to send its semi-annual report and *per capita* tax, so that the same may be in the hands of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal thirty days previous to the Convention then ensuing its representative shall not be seated in the Grand Lodge.

319. Report Must Be Completed Before Installation. The reports of the lodge must be filled out and properly attested, and the order drawn for the *per capita* tax, before the ceremony of the installation of officers.

CHAPTER XXVII.

RELATING TO THE BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF.

320. May Be Adopted. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the right to make and adopt a code of By-Laws, in conformity with the Supreme and Grand laws for its government, which can be made, altered, amended, or added to, by submitting the propositions to the lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight Rank, and having the same read at three regular conventions previous to being acted upon, when, two-thirds of the valid votes cast concurring, they shall be adopted.

321. Amendment. When an amendment to By-Laws is upon its passage at the time provided, it is competent to change, alter, amend, or add to the original proposed amendment.

322. First and Second Reading. The first reading shall be on the night of presentation, and the vote, as specified, may be had at the second regular convention thereafter.

323. By-Laws Not Operative Until Approved. Before any By-Laws or amendments can become operative, a copy must be sent to the Grand Chancellor and receive his approval. After such approval a copy must be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for preservation.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

324. Order of Business. The following shall be the "Order of Business" in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be transposed by the Chancellor Commander or by vote of the lodge, after passing Order No. 6:

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Roll of officers called and absentees noted.
3. Reception of visiting Knights.
4. Reading the minutes of last regular or special convention.
5. Reading official communications.
6. Report of the Relief Committee.
7. Does any brother know of a Knight, or the family of a Knight, in distress?
8. Presentation and reference of bills, and communications.
9. Reading and referring of petitions for membership.
10. Second reading of petitions, report of investigating committees thereon, and balloting.
11. Applications for membership in Endowment and Uniform Ranks.
12. Application for Rank.
13. Conferring of Ranks.
14. Reports of committees.
15. Reports of officers.
16. Unfinished business,
17. New business.
18. Good of the Order.
19. Collection of dues.
20. Announcement of receipts in detail by the Master of Finance.
21. Announcement of disbursements in detail by the Keeper of Records and Seal.
22. Closing in due form.

TITLE IV.

SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

I. Promulgation and issuance.

CHAPTER I.

REGULATING THE PROMULGATION, ISSUANCE AND USE OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

325. Shall be Transmitted Semi-Annually to Installing Officer. The Grand Chancellor shall, through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on or before the first day of June and December of each year, transmit the Semi-annual Password to the Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer of each Subordinate Lodge within this Domain, not under suspension; *provided*, that such Semi-annual Password shall not be transmitted to any Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer who shall not have filed during the then current semi-annual term, in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a certificate of the Subordinate Lodge of which such Deputy or installing officer is a member, that he has paid all dues or other indebtedness to his lodge to the beginning of such term, and that he is in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge. In the transmission of the Semi-annual Password, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall use such cipher as the Grand Chancellor may direct or approve.

326. Shall Be Communicated to Chancellor Commander. The Semi-annual Password shall be communicated by the Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer, to the Chancellor Commander of each Subordinate Lodge under his charge, at the time and in the manner provided in the installation ceremony.

327. He Shall Upon Application Communicate to Those in Good Standing. Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current Semi-annual Password to any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, who is in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this statute.

328. Order May Be Issued and Password Given Thereon. Any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge who shall be unable to obtain the Password for the current semi-annual term personally and orally from the Chancellor Commander of his Subordinate Lodge, shall be entitled to

an order addressed to any Chancellor Commander to whom the same may be presented, requesting him to communicate to the member named therein, the Password for the semi-annual term in which such order is dated. No order for the Semi-annual Password shall be valid unless upon the blank form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

329. Order Shall Not Issue When Lodge is Not Entitled to the Word. No order for the Semi-annual Password shall be issued to a member of a Subordinate Lodge, at a time during a period when such Subordinate Lodge shall be without the word and not entitled to the promulgation thereof.

330. Word Shall be Communicated on Order Which Must be Destroyed. Upon presentation of an order for the Semi-annual Password, upon an official blank dated in the current semi-annual term, and properly signed and sealed, together with the official receipt described therein, to any Chancellor Commander, by one who shall by personal identification or examination in the secret work, or both, prove himself to be the person designated in such order and official receipt, then such Chancellor Commander shall personally and orally communicate to him the Semi-annual Password described therein; *provided*, that should the person presenting such order and official receipt be intoxicated or insane, then such Chancellor Commander may refuse to communicate to him the Semi-annual Password; but in such case he shall at once notify the Chancellor Commander issuing the order, of his action and of the reason therefor. When a Chancellor Commander shall invest a brother with the Semi-annual Password under the provisions of this section, he shall in every case immediately take up and destroy the order therefor.

331. Use Limited. The use of the Semi-annual Password shall be at all times strictly limited by the provisions of the Rituals of the Order.

TITLE V.**OFFENSES.****I. What Are and Punishment.****CHAPTER I.****RELATING TO AND DEFINING OFFENSES AGAINST THE ORDER AND PRE-
SCRIBING THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE INFLICTED
THEREFOR.**

332. Violation of Pledge. Any member of the Order who shall violate any pledge contained in the obligations of any Rank of Knighthood or of any legislative rank which he may have received, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to either expulsion from the Order, or to suspension from the Order for a definite period, or for an indefinite period.

333. Laws or Rules of Society. Any member of the Order who shall violate any law of the state or country of his residence, or any of the rules of reputable society, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion, and not otherwise, as may be determined by the Tribunal before whom his guilt has been established. The certified record of any court of this land before whom the member has been convicted of such offense may be used as evidence in his trial by the lodge, but shall not be conclusive of his guilt.

334. Fraud or Scandal. Any member of the Order who shall defraud or attempt to defraud the Grand Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize the Grand Lodge, or any officer or member thereof as such, or the Grand Tribunal, or any Grand Tribune, as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof he may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the lodge.

335. Neglect or Refusal to Obey Laws or Mandates. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse to obey the Supreme or Grand Law or any part thereof, or who shall neglect or refuse to obey any legal mandate or order of the Supreme or Grand Chancellor, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion.

336. Neglect or Refusal to Obey Laws or Mandates of Any Officer. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse obedience to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge or to the legal mandates of any officer thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

337. Violation of Subordinate Law, Fraud or Scandal. Any member of the Order who shall willfully violate any law or by-law of his Subordinate Lodge, or who shall defraud or attempt to defraud such lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such lodge or the Order or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

338. Gambler, Saloon Keeper, Bartender. Any member of the Order, now engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a *bona fide* hotel keeper or druggist), who shall hereafter engage in either of such occupations, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be suspended or expelled, as the trial tribunal may determine.

339. Same if Hereafter Initiated. Any member of the Order, hereafter initiated, who shall engage in either of the occupations known as saloon keeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer except as a *bona fide* hotel keeper or druggist, or who shall become a professional gambler, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by suspension for a definite or indefinite time or by expulsion.

340. Violation of Any Obligation, Etc. Every member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules, or regulations of the Order; disregarding the requirements of the Constitution or By-Laws; disclosing the secret transactions of the lodge; divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an applicant, or opposed his becoming a member; feigning himself sick or disabled; practicing, aiding, or in any other misrepresentation, false pretense or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral, or criminal conduct of any kind, upon conviction of any such offenses, shall be punished by reprimand, suspension, definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

341. Malfesance in Office or Willful Neglect of Duty. Any officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge, who shall be guilty of any malfesance in office, or of willful neglect or refusal to promptly and faithfully discharge the duties of such office, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, may be removed from office, or suspended from the body in which he holds such membership, either definitely or indefinitely, or expelled from the body or from the Order.

342. Failure to Abide by Judgment, Decree or Mandate of Tribunal. Willful failure or refusal to abide by or perform any judgment, mandate, or decree of the Grand Tribunal by any party thereto is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, the penalty for which, shall be as follows:

Paragraph 1. If an officer or member of the Order, expulsion from the Order.

Par. 2. If a Subordinate Lodge, revocation of its charter.

343. To Resist or Obstruct Same. To resist or willfully obstruct the due execution or enforcement of any judgment, mandate or decree of the Grand Tribunal, or to aid or abet another in so doing, is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, the penalty for which shall be as follows:

Paragraph 1. If an officer or member of the Order, expulsion from the Order.

Par. 2. If a Subordinate Lodge, revocation of its charter.

344. Punishment of Member for Failure or Refusal to Abide by Decree of Tribunal. If a member shall fail or refuse to abide by or perform any judgment, mandate or decree of the Grand Tribunal, or resist or obstruct the due execution or enforcement of any judgment, mandate or decree of the Grand Tribunal, it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander of the lodge of which he is a member to request him to obey such judgment, mandate or decree; and if he refuses or fails to obey, then it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander to require the Keeper of Records and Seal of his lodge to make due return of such refusal and disobedience to the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, who shall forthwith notify the Grand Chancellor, who shall order the said lodge of the said member to forthwith expel the said member therefrom, and the said lodge shall upon the receipt of said order, at the regular session thereof at which the same is received expel the said member from membership in the Order.

345. Liability of Lodge for the Same. If a lodge shall refuse or neglect to abide by or perform any judgment, mandate or decree of the Grand Tribunal, or resist or willfully obstruct the due execution or enforcement of any judgment, mandate or decree thereof, or aid or abet any member in so doing, or shall fail or refuse to expel a member when requested to do so by the Grand Chancellor for his failure to abide by any judgment, decree or mandate of the said Grand Tribunal as provided by the Statutes, the Grand Chancellor, by himself or his duly authorized Deputy, shall have the power and authority, and he may upon such refusal declare such lodge suspended and forthwith take up the secret work and paraphernalia and property of the said lodge and hold the same until the next annual convention, when the same shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for such action with respect to the expulsion of said member and the suspension of said lodge as the Grand Lodge may then determine.

346. May be Otherwise Punished. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent a trial and punishment for the said offense in accordance with the laws of the Order.

347. Willful Renunciation of the Order. A member of the Order who, from any cause whatever, shall willfully renounce the Order or the obligations thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled from the Order.

348. Punishment May Apply to Members Under Suspension. For the purpose of trial and punishment the words, "member of the Order," as used in this chapter, shall be held to apply to ex-members of the Order, suspended members, and members under suspension for a cause other than non-payment of arrearages.

349. Use of Name of Order Prohibited. No Subordinate Lodge of this Domain, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, nor any name derived therefrom, or germane thereto, nor any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, for the promotion of any lottery, raffle, gift enterprise, or any other scheme of chance. The warrant or charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked or suspended. Any member of the Order who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled from the Order, as may be determined.

350. Use of Name as Trade Mark Prohibited. No member of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom, or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, or device belonging thereto, as a trade-mark, or in connection with any advertisement or circular, or in any other manner for his pecuniary benefit or business purposes, except in advertising the manufacture or sale of Pythian goods, publications or supplies. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.

351. Use of Name in Saloon Prohibited. No Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any terms derived therefrom or germane thereto, or with either of its branches, or shall display or cause to be displayed any flag, colors, emblem, motto, credential, diploma of the Order, in, over or upon any place of business devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, and commonly known as a saloon, or in or upon any hotel bar where are sold spirits, wine or malt liquors, or in or upon any place of business devoted wholly or in part to any game or scheme of chance. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

352. Member in Uniform or Wearing Jewel Shall Not Enter Saloon or Other Notorious Place. No member of the Order shall, at any time, while clothed in the uniform of the Order, or while wearing any jewel of Rank or office in the Order, knowingly enter

any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gaming house, or any house or other place of notorious disrepute. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

353. Use of Name Prohibited in Connection With Any Sunday Excursion, Etc. No Subordinate Lodge, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom, germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, device, banner or colors thereof, in connection with any demonstration, excursion, meeting, ball, concert or other entertainment given on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday, or in any advertisement, circular or other printed matter or announcement relating thereto or for the promotion thereof. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled.

354. Sale of Liquors Prohibited at Entertainments, Etc. No Subordinate Lodge, nor any member thereof, nor association of such members, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall allow or permit the sale or gift of spirits, wines or malt liquors at any excursion, demonstration, ball, concert or other entertainments which may be given by them, and at which the name of the Order or any term derived therefrom, or germane thereto, or any motto, device, banner, emblem or colors of the Order shall be used. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order who, by himself or in association with other persons, whether members of the Order or not, shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled.

355. Grand Chancellor Shall Prefer Charges. Should the Grand Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction, direct or indirect, of the provisions of this statute, or any of them, he shall formulate, or cause to be formulated, the necessary complaint or charges against such offender or offenders. If the offender be a Subordinate Lodge the charges shall be referred to the Grand Tribunal and such Subordinate Lodge shall be subject to notice, summons and trial, as may be provided for other violations of the Grand Law by Subordinate Lodges, and if adjudged guilty it shall be subject to the penalty provided in this statute.

Paragraph 1. If the offender or offenders be officers or individual members of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, the Grand Chancellor shall file the complaint or charges in the Subordinate Lodge with which they are connected, and shall order the trial of the offender or offenders in the manner provided for other violations of the Supreme and Grand Law, and in case of conviction, the accused shall be subject to the penalties provided in this statute.

Par. 2. In case a Subordinate Lodge shall refuse to hear and try the charges so preferred by the Grand Chancellor, he shall at once suspend the Warrant or Charter of such Subordinate Lodge.

Par. 3. If the Subordinate Lodge shall, after trial, fail or refuse to convict a member against whom such complaint and charges have been filed, any member thereof or the Grand Chancellor may, in his discretion, appeal to the Grand Tribunal. If upon final hearing the offender or offenders be convicted of the offense charged, and the Subordinate Lodge shall still fail or refuse to inflict the penalty prescribed by this statute and ordered to be imposed by the tribunal of final hearing in the case, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain shall at once suspend the warrant or charter of such Subordinate Lodge; *provided*, that should a majority of the members of such Subordinate Lodge, prior to the next convention of this Grand Lodge, petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to rescind the action upon which suspension was based, he may authorize such Subordinate Lodge to take the action proposed in the petition and upon compliance by such Subordinate Lodge with the orders or judgment made in the case he shall revoke his order suspending the warrant or charter of the lodge.

Par. 4. When the Warrant or Charter of a lodge is suspended under Paragraph 2 or 3 of this Section, the Grand Chancellor shall at once prefer charges in the Grand Lodge against such Subordinate Lodge, setting forth merely the offense with which it is charged and for the alleged commission of which the suspension was ordered, specifying the time, place, and other material circumstances, and file said charges in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. A copy of said charges shall be sent by the said Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by registered mail to the Chancellor Commander of such lodge, together with a summons requiring the lodge to appear before said Grand Lodge at a named time and place to answer the same. If, upon hearing the evidence produced by the parties respectively, the Grand Lodge shall find the Subordinate Lodge guilty of the offense charged the penalty shall be revocation of its Warrant or Charter or the further suspension thereof for such time as the Grand Lodge may determine. If the said charges be not sustained, the order of suspension theretofore made by the Grand Chancellor shall stand revoked.

356. Members May be Designated to Represent Grand Chancellor. In all trials arising under this Statute the Grand Chancellor may designate and commission any Knight or Knights in good standing to represent him as attorney or counsel in the prosecution of such complaint or charges, and such attorney or counsel shall be and is hereby empowered to perform any act or thing usually done or performed by attorneys as such and which may be necessary to the conduct of said trial, and to the full and final hearing of all the facts, pleadings and issues. All evidence taken in such trial shall be reduced to writing and entered on the records of the trial body.

357. Members May Prosecute. Nothing in this Statute shall be construed to prevent a member of the Order in good standing, other than the Grand Chancellor, from commencing and prosecuting complaints and charges for the offenses herein enumerated.

TITLE VI.

TRIALS.

- I. Trial of Chancellor Commander.
- II. Trial of other officers.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE TRIAL OF A CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

358. Grand Tribunal Shall Have Jurisdiction. A Chancellor Commander of a Lodge while the incumbent of the office for official misconduct and offenses against the laws of the Order shall be tried before the Grand Tribunal, jurisdiction for the purpose being hereby conferred on said body.

359. Charges May be Preferred by Two or More. For any such offense committed by a Chancellor Commander, charges may be preferred by two or more members of the Order in good standing in the lodge to which he belongs. The charges shall specify the offense charged, and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time, place and circumstances; shall be made under the pledge of honor of the accusers, and shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal.

360. Procedure Same as Title II, Chapter V. After the charges are filed the case shall proceed, and the same shall be tried and conducted in the same manner, and with all the rights of the parties, as provided in Title II, Chapter v, of these Statutes, relating to the original and exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Tribunal, and regulating procedure therein.

361. Recorder Shall Present to Lodge the Findings. The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall, upon the determination of such trial, forward to the Lodge whence the charges originated, a certified copy of the order and findings of the Grand Tribunal, which shall be read in open lodge and spread upon the records, and shall be binding upon all parties.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO THE TRIAL OF SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, OTHER THAN CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

362. Subordinate Lodge Shall Try. Every officer and member of a Subordinate Lodge other than the Chancellor Commander, shall, for offenses against such lodge, its officers and members, and for violation

of the laws of the Grand or Subordinate Lodge, be tried in his own lodge, and not elsewhere, except on appeal.

363. Prosecutions May be Commenced Openly or Privately. Prosecutions may be commenced against such officer or member in two ways, openly or privately:

(a) A brother accused of the violation of any Pythian law or principle may be prosecuted openly, in which case the accusing brother shall prepare, and after due notice to the accused of the time of presentation, present a written duplicate of the charges and specifications in substantial compliance with "Form A," as follows:

[FORM A.]

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No.....K. of P.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....Lodge No....., does hereby charge Brother A. B., of.....Lodge No....., with violation of the laws and principles of the Order, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to-wit:

1. For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of.....189..., at.....[specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications; each separate violation of law to be a specification], contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date.....[Signed] B. B.

Signing the same as "prosecutor," which shall be entered of record by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and one copy, duly certified under seal of the lodge, shall be sent to the accused or his counsel, due notice having been given the accused.

(b) Prosecutions may be instituted privately by giving written notice of the offense, with a list of witnesses, to the Chancellor Commander. The Chancellor Commander shall forthwith privately refer a copy of such notice and list of witnesses, concealing the name of the informant, to an investigating committee of three, who shall proceed without delay to determine whether there is just ground for presenting the charges. The committee shall report in writing, and, in case the same is in favor of the accused, the report shall be substantially as indicated by "Form B," as follows:

[FORM B.]

To the C. C. of.....Lodge No....., K. of P.:

Your committee would respectfully report that it has fully investigated the complaint against Brother..... and is of the opinion that justice does not require the preferring of charges.

Date.....Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report, in the discretion of the Chancellor Commander, or at the request of the accused, may be spread upon the minutes of the lodge. If the committee be of the opinion that charges should be preferred, it shall report substantially as indicated by "Form C," as follows:

[FORM C.]

To.....Lodge No....., K. of P.:

Your committee would respectfully report that, after due investigation, it is of the opinion that charges should be preferred against Brother, and accordingly the following charges and specifications are herewith submitted :

Your committee does hereby charge Brother A. B., of.....Lodge No....., with violation of the law and principles of the Order; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to-wit :

1. For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of.....18.., at.....[Specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications; each separate violation of law to be a specification], contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date.....

Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report, together with charges and specifications, signed by the chairman, shall be presented at an early regular convention of the lodge, after due notice to the accused, and the charges and specifications shall be entered or recorded by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

364. One Week's Notice is Due Notice. One week's notice in writing shall be deemed "due notice" under this code, and all such notices should be endorsed, showing the manner of service. Such notice may be served in either of two ways :

Paragraph 1. If the accused can be found within the county in which the lodge is situated, service must be made by delivering to him a true copy of the notice.

Par. 2. If the accused cannot be found within the county, then service may be made by mailing a copy thereof in the postoffice addressed to his last known postoffice address.

365. Notices Must be Endorsed. The endorsement on notices shall be substantially in one of the two ways indicated in "Form D," as follows :

[FORM D.]

I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice upon Brother, on the.....day of, by giving the same to him personally.

[Signed]

Or,

I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served the within notice upon Brother, on the.....day of.....by mailing a true copy to him, postage paid, in the postoffice, addressed to his last known postoffice address, as follows:, the said brother not being found in the city of

[Signed]

366. The chairman of the Investigating Committee, or the Knight preferring charges openly, shall be deemed the prosecutor of the charges.

367. Copy of Charges Must be Served Upon Accused. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall affix the seal of the lodge to a copy of the charges and specifications, and certify to it substantially according to the following "Form E," and serve or cause the same to be served, upon the accused:

[FORM E.]

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

[Date] _____, 18__

Brother _____ I herewith enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by _____ of _____ Lodge. The same was referred to a committee consisting of _____ [Give names] _____ You are hereby required to file your answer to said charges and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of this notice, with the undersigned, who will notify you of the time and place of trial. Fraternally,

[SEAL]

Keeper of Records and Seal.

368. Accused Must File Answer Within One Week. The accused shall, within one week from the service of notice and copy of the charges and specifications upon him, file his plea or answer to the same with the Keeper of Records and Seal, according to the following "Form F," and such answer or plea may be by either one or more answers shown therein:

[FORM F.]

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred on the _____ day of _____, 18__, say:

1. That the offense in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the lodge.

2. That I am not guilty.

3. Guilty.

4. I admit the facts stated, but will justify the alleged offense.

5. The complaint is frivolous.

Or any other proper plea.

369. Lodge Must Proceed to Try. The lodge at the next meeting after answer, or at such other time as may be fixed, shall proceed with the trial or investigation of the case, and after a full hearing of all the testimony and defense of the accused member, shall proceed to vote on the charge or charges preferred. If such charge or charges be sustained in whole or in part by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the accused member shall retire to the ante-room. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall then read to the lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts

thereof which have been sustained, when the Chancellor Commander shall, without motion, proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment (expulsion), and if lost, he shall proceed until some order of punishment known to the laws is agreed upon by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. A lodge having found a member guilty, must fix some order of punishment recognized by the laws of the Order; and to this end, and if the vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without the requisite votes in favor of either, the Chancellor Commander shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed; *provided*, that where more than one member is under charge for the same offense, they shall not be permitted to vote upon the said charges on the degree of punishment to be inflicted upon the other of the said members.

370. If Suspended, Time May be Fixed. If the lodge determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Chancellor Commander, upon receiving said motion, shall put to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named; if neither be agreed to, a second motion may be made, and two amendments thereto, which shall be put to vote in like manner, and the lodge shall so proceed until some order of time for suspension is fixed.

371. If Fined, Amount Must be Determined. If the lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as above provided in fixing the time of suspension, and in either case of determining the amount of fine or fixing the time of suspension, a majority of the members shall decide.

372. Decision Must be Communicated by the Chancellor Commander. When the lodge has determined upon the order of punishment, and in case of suspension or fine fixed the time or amount thereof, the accused shall be called in and the decision communicated to him by the Chancellor Commander.

373. May be Suspended for Contempt. If such accused shall evade the receiving of a citation, or after receiving the same shall neglect or refuse to attend the lodge at the time therein fixed and remain throughout the investigation or trial of his case, or is not represented by a member of the Order as his attorney, the lodge may proceed in his absence to suspend him for contempt; *provided*, that if such absence should have been produced by unavoidable circumstances, or injustice be otherwise done thereby, said member shall be entitled to a rehearing of his case; and shall at all stages of the proceedings have every opportunity afforded him of vindicating himself against said accusation.

374. Reprimand Must be Administered by C. C. or Some P. C. Appointed. Whenever the lodge shall decide upon a reprimand, such reprimand shall be administered in open lodge by the Chancellor Commander, or some Past Chancellor appointed by him for that purpose.

375. Every Charge Must be Voted Upon, Etc. Every specification of a charge legally brought before a lodge must be inquired into by testimony adduced on the hearing of the case; and every such specification that in itself imports a direct offense against the rules and laws of the Order must be voted upon and sustained or dismissed by the lodge. When charges or parts of charges are sustained, or a plea of guilty entered, the lodge *must* fix an order of punishment to every such finding or plea.

376. If Guilt is Admitted, Penalty May be Imposed Without Trial. If a member acknowledges his guilt upon charges preferred, the penalty may be imposed without trial. The lodge shall hear testimony upon a plea of guilty, as well to determine the extent of the offense on the one hand, as to ascertain the mitigating circumstances on the other.

377. Votes Must be With Balls. All votes taken under the provisions of this chapter shall be with ball ballots.

378. Suspension May be Terminated by Vote. A lodge may, upon the discovery of new evidence, mitigating circumstances, or in any case of excessive punishment, when a member is suspended for a definite period, terminate the same; *provided*, two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of such termination, after one week's previous notice thereof having been given the lodge.

379. Member Restored Entitled to All His Rights. A member whose suspension shall be so terminated shall be restored to all his rights and privileges as a member, without other action, but shall not be entitled to any claims originating during his suspension.

380. No Dismissal After Charges are Reported. A cause cannot be dismissed after a committee, appointed to investigate a complaint against a member, has reported a charge, and the Keeper of Records and Seal ordered to notify the offending member to appear for trial.

381. No Person Not a Member Shall be Present at Trial. No person not a member of the lodge shall be present during the trial; *provided*, the accused may call witnesses and be represented by counsel who are members of other lodges; and, *provided further*, that nothing shall prevent the Supreme Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor or their deputies from sitting in the lodge.

382. Keeper of Records and Seal Shall Keep Full Record. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings and of all the evidence introduced at the trial including the oral testimony, if any, introduced by either party.

383. Charges and Pleadings may be Amended. Charges and specifications, answers and all other pleadings and papers in the case may be amended at any time before the close of the trial.

384. Trial May be Adjourned. After commencement of proceedings and before any evidence is introduced, by a majority vote, the trial

may be adjourned from time to time, and witnesses previously summoned shall be required to appear at the adjourned meeting without further citation under the same penalties as in the first instance.

385. Record Shall Show. The records of the lodge shall show:

1. The date and place of each meeting and the parties present or means taken to notify them to be present.
2. Exceptions taken by either party and the decision thereon.
3. Parol evidence in full subscribed by the witnesses, unless signature be waived by the parties.
4. All documentary evidence marked exhibits.

386. Decisions Shall be Entered on Minutes. Other Proceedings in a Record. The decision only of the lodge shall be entered in the lodge minutes by the Keeper of Records and Seal. The other proceedings shall be entered in a record kept therefor. All parties interested shall be entitled to make a copy of any and all records or proceedings of any trial at their own expense.

387. Chancellor Commander Shall Announce Judgment. The Chancellor Commander or presiding officer shall announce the judgment of the lodge. It shall then be the duty of the lodge and its officers to enforce, and of the members to obey, submit to, and observe the same. It shall be the duty of the accused to be present and to submit to and obey the judgment of the lodge as declared, until the same is reversed or modified by the proper authorities; *provided*, if the accused shall be found guilty, and the punishment fixed be reprimand, the lodge shall, upon the request of the accused, grant ten days in which to perfect an appeal, which, in that case, when perfected, shall act as a *supersedeas*.

388. Accused May be Represented by Counsel. At all trials herein provided for either party shall have the right to be present, by counsel; service of any of the notices upon such counsel shall be equivalent to service of notice upon such party.

389. Charges May be Preferred by Member of One Against Member of Another Lodge. Any member of a lodge desiring to prefer a charge against a member of another lodge, must present the same through his own lodge to the lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the lodge in which presented and shall be sent or delivered to the lodge of which the accused is a member.

390. Lodge Must Proceed Without Delay. It shall be the duty of the lodge of which such accused is a member to proceed without delay, and conduct the case substantially as in this Code provided; and the member preferring the charge, or the lodge in which the charge was originally presented, shall have the privilege of being represented at the trial by counsel.

391. Appeal May be Taken to Tribunal. A prosecutor, the accused, or any member may appeal from the decision of the lodge to the Grand Tribunal within thirty days from the date the same is announced by the Chancellor Commander. The lodge shall transmit to the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal a copy of the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs of mailing and charges for copying the same, which shall not exceed fifteen cents per folio of one hundred words, from the party appealing.

392. Keeper of Records and Seal Shall Complete Record. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge, in making up the record for appeal, will make copies of all charges, pleas, notices, evidence, and the like, and substantially observe the following "Form G":

[FORM G.]

I, _____, Keeper of Records and Seal, of _____ Lodge, do hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of all reports, minutes, reports of committees, evidence and papers filed with me, pertaining to or relating to the case of _____ Lodge versus Brother _____, or Brother _____, prosecutor, versus Brother _____, defendant (as the case may be).

(Then copy the report of each committee, the action of the Chancellor Commander, and Vice-Chancellor, and the full report of the trial with all proceedings, and conclude the record as follows):

In testimony that the foregoing is a complete record of all matters pertaining to the case of _____, versus _____, I hereunto set my hand and attach the seal of said lodge, this ____ day of _____, at _____

_____,
K. of R. and S.

393. Competent Evidence is. The evidence competent to be admitted before the lodge shall be:

1. Parol evidence; *i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the committee.
2. Depositions, procured as hereinafter set forth.
3. Regularly certified minutes of lodge.
4. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence shall not be received. Nor shall *ex-parte* statements or affidavits be considered.

394. Lodge to Determine the Admissibility. The lodge will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be noted by the lodge upon its record.

395. Members Shall Testify Under Their Obligation. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation as Knights, to be administered by the Prelate, and according to the following "Form H":

[FORM H.]

DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare, upon your honor as a Knight, that the evidence you shall give in the matter.....against....., now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare on your honor as a Knight.

[Signature.]

396. Stenographer May be Employed. In taking oral testimony a stenographer may be employed by the parties, by agreement, or by either party, who may be sworn by an officer competent to administer oaths, or obligated upon honor by the Prelate of the lodge, as the case may be, to truly take and transcribe the same, in all cases: *provided*, that in cases pertaining to, or involving the Ritualistic or secret work of the Order, only a stenographer who is a member of the Order shall be employed.

397. Depositions Taken. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the lodge.

398. Conviction in Higher Tribunal Conclusive Evidence. In all trials the record of a conviction had in the Supreme or Grand Tribunal, or Grand Lodge, shall, when the offense charged was also an offense against the Subordinate Lodge, be competent evidence and shall be conclusive of the guilt of the accused. And the record of conviction of the same offense charged by any court of the land, shall be competent, but not conclusive evidence.

399. Manner of Taking Depositions. Whenever a lodge, or member thereof, prosecuting or defending a charge, or any person authorized to introduce testimony in any proceeding, shall desire to take the testimony of a witness whose personal presence cannot be had before the tribunal trying the charge, his deposition may be taken in the following manner:

Paragraph 1. The party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, the interrogatories he wishes to propound to the witness or witnesses, naming them. The Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered, to the opposite party, a copy of the interrogatories; the latter party, within one week from such service, may file counter interrogatories with the said Keeper of Records and Seal.

Par. 2. At the expiration of the week or sooner, if counter interrogatories have been filed, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith forward them to the Chancellor Commander of a lodge near the witness, with a request to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named, or to have the same taken by some competent member of the Order, requiring that every interrogatory be propounded to the witness, and the answer to

each be reduced to writing in the presence of the witness, and when the deposition is completed, cause the witness to sign the same. The officer or member taking the deposition shall also be required to certify to the same having been duly taken, verifying such certificate by the signatures of the Chancellor Commander or Keeper of Records and Seal and seal of the lodge. A deposition thus taken and certified may be read in evidence in the cause to which it relates.

Par. 3. In other Domains the request to take depositions can and should only be asked as a Knightly courtesy: it is, however, the duty of the Chancellor Commander of any lodge in this Domain to whom such request to take a deposition may come, cheerfully to perform the labor with promptness and dispatch, and return at once the deposition so taken to the lodge making the request.

400. Citation to Witness Shall be Issued. A citation to appear as a witness, stating the time and place of trial, when issued by either the prosecuting attorney or the defendant or his attorney, and signed by the Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be binding upon any member in this Domain, and failure to appear at the time and place specified shall subject the member so cited to proceedings for contempt, unless excused by the vote of a majority of the lodges. Such citation shall be considered as legally served when directed to the last known address of the member cited, and deposited postage prepaid in the post-office at least twenty-four hours before the time set for trial; *provided*, that citations addressed to members residing outside of the limits of the town or city where the trial is held, must be so mailed at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for trial.

401. Member Refusing to Give Evidence Shall be Reported to His Lodge. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the lodge to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required, to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his lodge, which lodge shall take such action as it may deem necessary to compel the production of the evidence required.

TITLE VII.

PYTHIAN CALENDAR.

- I. Period—Anniversary and Memorial Days.
- II. Fiscal Year.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE PYTHIAN PERIOD AND THE ANNIVERSARY AND MEMORIAL DAYS OF THE ORDER.

402. Pythian Period. The Order of the Knights of Pythias having been instituted and established on the 19th day of February, 1864, the Pythian Period is hereby declared to date therefrom, and each and every year thereafter succeed in numerical order, commencing with that date.

403. Use of. The term "Pythian Period" shall be used in official documents emanating from or issued by any body of the Order, immediately after any date of the vulgar era, in style and form as follows: "This, the ----- day of -----, 189-, P. P.-----"

404. Anniversary. The 19th day of February is hereby established as the Anniversary Day of the organization of the Order.

405. Memorial Day. The Tuesday following the second Sunday in June of each year is hereby set apart and established as the "Memorial Day" of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and all bodies of the Order are hereby authorized to meet in their respective localities, upon said day in each year, whenever practicable and convenient, for the purpose of engaging in such services and exercises as may be appropriate to the occasion; *provided*, that a Subordinate Lodge may select a different day for such services when the circumstances render it desirable.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO AND DEFINING THE FISCAL YEAR.

406. Twelve Months, From August 1 to July 31, Ensuing. The term "fiscal year," wherever used in these Statutes, shall be held to mean the period of twelve calendar months beginning August 1st of each calendar year and ending July 31st of the succeeding calendar year.

TITLE VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- I. Diplomas and Credentials.
- II. Appeals for Aid.
- III. Good standing of Past Chancellors.
- IV. General Relief Committee.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIALS OR RANK OF HONOR IN THE ORDER, AND FOR THE ISSUE AND USE THEREOF.

407. Member Entitled to Diploma of Rank of Knight.

Any member of the Order in this Grand Domain who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing, shall be entitled to receive from his Subordinate Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the Rank of Knight, signed by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of his lodge.

408. Honor of Past Chancellor. Any member of the Order in this Domain, who is in good standing, and who has attained the honor of Past Chancellor, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the honor of Past Chancellor, signed by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge.

409. Honor of Past Grand Representative. Any member of the Order in this Domain who is in good standing, and upon whom the Grand Lodge Rank has been conferred, or who has attained the honor of Past Grand Representative, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the Grand Lodge Rank or of the honor of Past Grand Representative, signed by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge.

410. Member Removing to Another Domain Entitled to Certificate of Honor. Any member of the Order removing his lodge membership to another Grand Domain, or to territory not under the control of the Grand Lodge, may obtain from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Lodge, a Credential, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the Domain to which he transfers his membership, or to the Supreme Lodge, as the case may be, certifying to any Honor or to any Legislative Rank attained by him; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Lodge, to issue such Credentials

of Honor or Rank to persons entitled thereto, upon payment of the required fee therefor.

411. No Other Diplomas Recognized. No Credential or Diploma of Honor or Rank in the Order, other than those described in this Statute, shall be recognized as authorized or valid; and all Keepers of Records and Seal of Subordinate Lodges within this Domain are hereby expressly forbidden to certify by their signatures, or to authenticate by seal of their lodge, any Credential or Diploma of Rank or Honor in the Order, other than those described in this Statute: *provided*, that this Section shall not be construed to affect the proper signature, authentication and validity of Transfer Cards and Withdrawal Cards.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO APPEALS FOR AID BY GRAND LODGES, SUBORDINATE LODGES OR MEMBERS OF THE ORDER.

412. May be Issued and Circulated Only by Permission. Appeals in behalf of a Subordinate Lodge within this Domain, or of a member or members thereof, may be issued and circulated within the Domain of the Grand Lodge only by permission of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

413. Same by Lodges of Other Domains. Appeal for aid by sister Grand Lodges, or Subordinate Lodges in their Domain, or by a member or members thereof as such, shall not be issued, circulated or read in any lodge of the Order in this Domain, except by permission of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

414. Same by Lodges Not Within Domain of Grand Lodge. Appeals for aid in behalf of Subordinate Lodges, or members thereof, not within the Domain of a Grand Lodge, shall not be issued, circulated or read, in any Lodge of the Order within the Domain of the Grand Lodge, except by permission of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

415. Nothing to Prohibit Appeals in Aid of Public Calamity or Disaster. Nothing in this Statute shall be construed to prohibit the issuing, circulating or reading appeals for aid, in case of public calamity or disaster, when emanating from the Supreme Chancellor, or for purposes duly approved by the Supreme Lodge.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO AND DEFINING GOOD STANDING OF PAST CHANCELLORS.

416. Good Standing of Past Chancellor. A Past Chancellor, upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be considered to be in good standing in the Grand Lodge:

Paragraph 1. If he is in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge in the Domain of which he is a member.

Par. 2. If he is not under any suspension from membership in the Grand Lodge; and,

Par. 3. If he is not on trial in the Grand Lodge for offenses punishable by suspension from membership, or expulsion from the Order; and,

Par. 4. If he is not the subject of charges made and pending in the Grand Lodge pursuant to law; and,

Par. 5. If the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member shall not be under suspension for any cause.

CHAPTER IV.

RELATING TO GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

417. May be Organized in all Cities Having Over Three Lodges. At the election of officers in December, annually, in all cities and towns where there are three or more lodges, each lodge may select one member to serve as a General Relief Committee of the Knights of Pythias. The members of such committee shall organize with a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and shall have full power to adopt rules of order and by-laws for the purpose of facilitating its operations.

418. Duties. It shall be the duty of this committee to extend such relief as may be deemed expedient to transient brothers who may make application, or to brothers who may be sent to it from a lodge that is represented on the committee.

419. Applicants Required to Show They are Entitled to Relief. All applicants shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the committee that they are entitled to care and relief. The Secretary shall notify the lodge of which the brother is a member, of the amount of relief granted.

420. May Request Assessment Upon Lodges. For the purpose of supplying the necessary funds for carrying into operation the objects and duties of this committee, it may from time to time request a *pro rata* assessment upon the several lodges represented; *provided*, that no assessment shall be levied if the committee has one hundred dollars on hand available for relief.

421. Shall Keep Minutes. The General Relief Committee shall keep accurate minutes of their transactions, and shall make semi-annual reports to the several lodges represented, and shall, at the last meeting of each term, deliver to their successors all books, papers and moneys belonging to the committee.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal Knight of olden times was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for Knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice, and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles, strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted, and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

ORDER OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

HON. W. A. PARK, *P. G. C., Chairman of Committee, Des Moines, Iowa:*

KNIGHTLY SIR AND BROTHER—At the last annual session of the Grand Lodge of this Grand Domain, a committee was appointed to “revise and codify the Subordinate and Grand Lodge constitutions,” of which committee you were appointed chairman.

At the last convention of the Supreme Lodge a new Supreme constitution and Supreme Statutes were enacted, which contain a great many material changes in the law of our Order as theretofore in force. It is necessary for our Grand Lodge constitution and Subordinate Lodge constitutions and the laws of the Order within and for this Grand Domain to conform to the changes made, as contained in the Supreme constitution and Statutes, and that our laws should be modified to conform thereto at as early a date as possible.

There being some doubt as to the extent of authority vested in your committee, our Grand Lodge not having in contemplation the subsequent changes in law as made by the Supreme Lodge, and deeming it of great importance that our Grand Lodge at its next annual convention be in a position to adopt such a constitution and statutes as shall bring our law in conformity with the laws adopted by the Supreme Lodge, and considering the peculiar circumstances with reference to the appointment of your committee and the subsequent changes made by the Supreme Lodge, as heretofore suggested, creates an exigency calling for the exercise of the powers vested in me, I therefore authorize and empower your committee to draft a new constitution for the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges; and further, to draft statutory laws for the government of the Order within this Grand Domain; and that you may report thereof as is directed in the report, the adoption of which created your committee.

Your committee being hereby authorized and empowered to draft such laws as by them are deemed necessary to conform the laws of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the government thereof, to the Supreme Constitution and Statutes. I am,

Very fraternally yours,

[Signed] C. E. PICKETT,
Grand Chancellor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa:

KNIGHTLY SIRS—In accordance with the authority conferred upon your committee by the Grand Chancellor by written communication herewith submitted, we have examined the decisions, laws and orders of this Domain, as well as the Statutes of other Domains, and formulated Statutes, which, we believe, in the main, cover all needed legislation.

We have found it almost impossible to cover every conceivable question that has been raised in the past, but we have carefully considered the course adopted by the Supreme Lodge of adopting a Constitution and thereafter enacting Statutes in accordance with and to carry out the provisions thereof. We have therefore submitted by another report a Constitution which is the basis for the Statutes herewith submitted. It will be seen that the purpose of the committee has been to ask this body to adopt a Constitution which shall govern and control this Domain, and to thereafter adopt these Statutes with such modifications as you desire. The Statutes, when enacted, will take the place of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, so that hereafter members of Subordinate Lodges, wishing to ascertain what the law is, can, by reference to the Constitutions of the Supreme and Grand Lodges and the Statutes adopted, determine just what their rights are. It will only be necessary for Subordinate Lodges to hereafter adopt such brief and necessary By-Laws as may be necessary to carry out any special provision that they may wish to enact in addition to the provisions of the Statutes herewith submitted.

It has been said that it is difficult to ascertain what the law of the Order is. This arises from the procedure which has been followed for so many years. In order to reach a conclusion upon any question, it has been necessary for those in authority to investigate all the decisions from the organization of the Grand Lodge to the present time, and from the mass thereof determine the law. We find that in many Domains this practice is continued. By the enactment of Statutes, the multiplicity of the law is increased. We have, therefore, after mature consideration, recommended and provided in the Statutes submitted, that all existing legislation, orders and decisions be repealed upon the adoption of the Statutes. We have, however, provided that certain laws and orders shall remain in force, in the event any of them have been violated prior to the adoption of the Statutes,

so that punishment for such violation can hereafter be enforced. It has been the hope of this committee to be able to fix a starting point at which the legislation in this Domain shall commence anew.

Your committee has not had sufficient time to submit perfect statutes, even if it were possible for them to do so. The members have labored diligently to present to this body in the brief time they have had at their command, a basis of enactment that will give this Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges a safe and efficient code of laws by which the rights of every individual member are amply defined and the Order fully protected. It is apparent to your committee that if the Statutes submitted, or any other in lieu thereof, are adopted, great care should be had in printing them. There should be prepared and printed a comprehensive index, under the supervision of some one familiar with the statutes, and who appreciates the requirements of an index.

In this connection we wish to suggest that we find in looking over the volumes of the Grand Lodge reports, that it is almost impossible to gain any information from the indexes, and without criticising any officer of the past, this committee believes that it is high time that at least one intelligent index, not only of our Grand Lodge proceedings, but of the statutes, should be put forth to the Pythians of this State.

We therefore submit this report with all its imperfections, and trust that this body may use wisdom in the consideration of the various important matters involved therein.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. PARK,
ELBERT W. WEEKS,
HERBERT T. GRANGER,
JOHN B. WHITE,
J. U. SAMMIS.

RULES OF PRACTICE

OF THE

Grand Tribunal, Knights of Pythias-- Domain of Iowa.

ADOPTED AUGUST 24, 1895.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

1. Pleadings, hearings and trials, except as by Rule or Statute otherwise provided, shall be governed by the rules and procedure of the courts of record of Iowa.

2. The moving party seeking relief of the Grand Tribunal, shall be known as the "Plaintiff."

3. The party against whom the complaint is made, shall be known as the "Defendant."

4. The statement of facts presented by the plaintiff, and upon which he founds his prayer for relief, shall be known as the "Petition."

5. Defendant's statement of facts, upon which he relies as a defense to the allegations of the petition, shall be known as the "Answer."

6. A demurrer may be filed upon the grounds that the facts alleged are not sufficient to constitute an offense, or cause of action, or a defense, *provided* that the grounds of demurrer shall be specifically set out.

7. The plaintiff may file a reply when some matter is alleged in the answer to which the plaintiff claims to have a defense, by reason of the existence of some fact which avoids the matter alleged in the answer.

In other cases, the facts stated in the answer shall be deemed denied without further pleading.

8. Whenever an objection is made to the contents of any pleading filed in a cause, which cannot be reached by a demurrer, it may be objected to by motion.

9. Amendment to pleadings may be made, but after plea, demurrer or answer, it must be for good cause shown, and the party seeking to make

the amendment must serve the opposite party with a copy of the proposed amendment at least one day before filing the same, except when the Tribunal is in session.

10. All pleadings shall be legibly written or printed, and in addition to the original as many copies thereof shall be filed with the Recorder as there are parties to be served therewith under these Rules and the Statutes.

11. No petition or other pleading which embraces a statement of facts upon which an action or defense is based, shall be filed or considered, unless such pleading be verified by the pledge of honor of the party so pleading, and substantially in the manner and form following, to-wit:

"The Order of the Knights of Pythias, within the Domain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

"I.....(name of party) --- the(plaintiff or defendant)in the foregoing.....(style of pleading)named, upon my honor as a Knight, do hereby affirm that I have read the foregoing.....(style of pleading,).....and know the contents thereof, and that I verily believe that the statements therein made, are true and accurate.

"Witness my hand and pledge of honor, thisday ofA. D. 189.. P. P. XXX.....

"Signed....."

If the pleading be in the name of a Subordinate Lodge, or a Grand Lodge, the verification shall be made by the Chancellor Commander or the Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, and shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, or the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as the case may be, with the seal of the lodge attached.

12. The plaintiff in his petition shall state the place of residence and usual postoffice address of the defendant, and each of them if there be more than one. If the defendant be a Subordinate Lodge or a Grand Lodge, the plaintiff shall state in his petition the name of the Chancellor Commander, or the Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, and his place of residence, and usual postoffice address. The plaintiff shall also state in his petition, his own place of residence and usual postoffice address, the name, number and location of the lodge of which he is a member, and, if the plaintiff be a Subordinate or a Grand Lodge, the name of the Chancellor Commander or Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, with his place of residence and usual postoffice address.

13. When the petition has been properly filed with the requisite copies thereof, the Recorder shall, without unnecessary delay, deliver or forward a copy thereof, duly authenticated over his official signature and the seal of the Grand Tribunal, to each party defendant by registered letter, together with a written notice that ten days thereafter, the cause therein described will be entered upon the docket of the Grand Tribunal, which said notice shall be in manner and form substantially as follows, to-wit:

"The Order of Knights of Pythias in the Grand Tribunal :

"In the name of the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, Greeting :

"To----- (Name of defendant or defendants)----- defendant----- you are hereby notified that----- (name of plaintiff or plaintiffs)----- plaintiff has filed a petition addressed to the Grand Tribunal of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, complaining of you, the said ----- (name of defendant or defendants)----- as defendant, and praying that relief be granted in the premises by the Grand Tribunal, a duly authenticated copy of which petition, as the same remains on file and of record, is attached hereto. You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before ten days after the date hereof, at the expiration of which time said cause will be placed upon the trial docket of said Grand Tribunal, and stand for hearing.

"Witness, the Honorable ----- Chief Tribunal of the Grand Tribunal of Iowa, Knights of Pythias, this ----- day of ----- A. D. 189--, P. P. XXX-----

[SEAL.]

"Signed -----

"Recorder."

Such notification shall be of the date of the actual service or mailing thereof.

14. Immediately upon the filing of any pleading, demurrer or motion, the Recorder shall, by personal service or by registered letter, notify the adverse party or parties of such fact, and such notification shall be of the date of the actual mailing or service thereof. The Recorder shall furnish such party or parties with an authenticated copy or copies of such pleading, demurrer or motion.

15. The plaintiff shall have ten days after the date of the service or mailing of the Recorder's notice to him of the filing of the defendant's answer within which to reply thereto, and either party may then proceed to take testimony.

16. Demurrers and interlocutory motions may be heard, considered and ruled upon at chambers; and for the purpose of expediting pending causes, the Chief Tribune may make and enter his order as of the Grand Tribunal, requiring the parties to submit their arguments in writing upon such demurrer or interlocutory motions, filing six copies of the same in the office of the Recorder on or before a day in such order to be named. Immediate notice of such order shall be given by the Recorder to the parties to the record, personally or by registered letter. Upon the pleadings and arguments so filed, and the concurrence of three of the Tribunes, the rule of the Grand Tribunal may be made and entered at chambers.

17. The trial of causes shall be governed and conducted in accordance with the usually accepted rules of evidence, in civil cases of courts of record.

18. The substantial rights of the parties shall at all times be considered a matter within the discretion of the Grand Tribunal as against any hardship imposed by technical rules.

19. The time for filing pleadings may be extended by agreement of the parties, or by permission granted by the Tribunal, or by the Chief Tribune in vacation or ranking Tribune in case of the absence or inability to act of the Chief Tribune, for good cause shown.

20. Where a real controversy actually exists between two or more parties, the subject matter of which controversy is within the original or exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Tribunal, the parties may submit the case to the Grand Tribunal upon an agreed statement of the facts and of the issues in the case. Such record in all cases shall be reduced in writing, signed by all parties thereto, and shall contain:

(a) A clear and succinct statement of all the facts which pertain to the controversy.

(b) A concise statement of the questions at issue between the parties.

(c) A pledge of the parties upon their Knightly honor that the controversy is a real one, and actually exists, and that the same is submitted in good faith for the judgment of the Tribunal.

(d) It must show that the parties submitting the same embrace all parties that are materially interested in the questions involved.

(e) If a Subordinate Lodge be a party it must be signed by the Chancellor Commander, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under the seal of the lodge. If a Grand Lodge, it must be signed by the Grand Chancellor, attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

(f) It must show the residence and post-office address of each party, and in the case of a Subordinate Lodge, its number and location.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

21. Transcripts of the record submitted to the Grand Tribunal on appeal or proceedings in error, shall be authenticated by the officer charged with the custody of the official record in manner and form substantially as follows, to-wit:

"The Order of the Knights of Pythias, within the Domain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

"I,..... (name and style of officer) hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain a full, true and correct transcript of the record in the case of (name plaintiff) vs. (name of defendant) lately pending in (name of Tribunal in which case was tried) as the same remains of record and on file in my office.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand (and affixed the seal of) this the day of, A. D. 18..... P. P.

[SEAL.]

"Signed.....
 "(Official title)"

If the certifying officer be the official custodian of the seal of his lodge, or has a seal in his official capacity, it should be affixed to the foregoing certificate.

22. Service of notices upon the adverse party of the filing of the transcript and assignment of errors and the making of application for the writ of error, shall be by leaving with the adverse party personally, or if the adverse party be a lodge, then with its presiding officer, a full, true and complete copy of such assignment of errors, together with a written notice of the time and place of filing the same, and making application for a writ of error; or service may be had by sending by registered letter the copy of the assignment of errors and notice aforesaid to the adverse party, or if the adverse party be a lodge to the presiding officer thereof, at the usual post-office address of such party or presiding officer.

23. Within ten days after the filing of the assignment of errors, the plaintiff in error shall file with the Recorder six copies of his brief, and additional copies if required by the Recorder and at the same time shall serve upon, or mail to, the adverse party or his attorney of record, one other copy of such brief, and within ten days thereafter the defendant in error shall file with the Recorder six copies of his brief and shall at the same time serve upon, or mail to, the opposite party or his attorney of record, one other copy of such brief by registered letter. Briefs shall be legible, written or printed.

24. Causes which have matured shall be set for hearing in the order of their entry upon the trial docket. Such cases shall be submitted upon oral arguments and brief or upon briefs alone. Whenever the time has expired for the filing of briefs, a cause may be considered by the Grand Tribunal in all respects as if briefs had been filed, and a judgment, order or decree upon the merits thereof, as presented in the record, or the Grand Tribunal may dismiss the same for a failure to file briefs.

25. A party who has failed or refused to file briefs as required by these rules, cannot be heard on the presentation of the cause in which default occurred, except by permission of the Grand Tribunal for good cause shown.

26. A cause shall not be considered as determined until a decision has been rendered and judgment entered in accordance therewith.

27. A mandate shall not be issued until after the expiration of a period of ten days after the decision of the Grand Tribunal and the entry of the judgment thereof; and immediately after the expiration of such period the Recorder shall transmit to the Tribunal below the mandate of the Grand Tribunal.

28. Immediately upon the entry of a final judgment, order or decree, the Recorder shall notify the parties in interest or their attorneys of record of the decision of the Grand Tribunal.

29. Applications for rehearing shall be by petition addressed to the Grand Tribunal, signed by the party or his attorney of record, which petition shall briefly state the points wherein it is alleged that the Grand Tribunal has erred. Such petition shall be filed within ten days after receiving official notice by the Recorder that the decision complained of has been rendered, and shall be accompanied by six copies of a printed or legibly written brief of the points and authorities relied upon.

30. The filing of a petition for rehearing shall not suspend proceedings under the decision complained of, unless the Grand Tribunal or three of the Tribunes thereof in vacation shall so order.

31. If a petition for a rehearing be ordered, the Grand Tribunal may require that the adverse party shall be served with a copy of the petition and brief by the moving party forthwith and the adverse party shall have such time within which to answer the petition and brief of the petitioner as the Grand Tribunal may direct.

32. Briefs shall contain (a) an orderly and concise statement of the facts as understood by the parties filing the same, (b) a statement of the contention between the parties, and (c) a concise argument of the points presented with the citation of such authorities as the party may think proper. Said briefs shall be signed by the parties presenting the same, giving the name of the party in whose interest it is presented.

THE RECORDER.

33. The duties of the Recorder, except as may be hereinafter specifically provided, shall be such as are usually incident to the office of clerk of a court of law, so far as the same are applicable to the transactions, business and affairs of the Grand Tribunal.

34. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall take and subscribe to the following obligation:

"I, -----(name of the Recorder) -----having been appointed Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, Domain of Iowa, do solemnly pledge my Knightly honor that I will support the Grand and Supreme Constitution of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and that I will faithfully perform and discharge all duties of Recorder of the Grand Tribunal to the best of my ability. So help me God."

This obligation may be administered by any member of the Grand Tribunal and shall be filed among the official records of the Grand Tribunal.

35. The Recorder under the direction of the Grand Tribunal, shall be the custodian of the seal, archives, records and files of the Grand Tribunal and under its direction, shall provide for the safety and proper preservation thereof.

36. The Recorder is authorized to make and certify to, over the seal of the Grand Tribunal, transcripts of the records of the Grand Tribunal, and copies of the original papers on file in the office of the Recorder, and shall

be entitled to charge and collect therefor at the rate of fifteen cents per folio, for such transcripts or copies which fee shall include certification.

37. The Recorder shall endorse on all papers or documents filed with him the date of such filing.

38. The Recorder shall keep in his office a docket, in which he shall enter as of the date of receipt a brief memorandum of all petitions, transcripts and assignments of error filed in his office, together with the names of parties and addresses, names of attorneys and addresses, nature of action, date of notice to the defendant of the pendency of causes, date of "docketing," made under the Statute, notices sent, action of Tribunal in brief, upon interlocutory and main questions, so as to form a chronological brief of the history of the cause from the date of the filing of the petition to the entry of final judgment, decree or final order. He shall also keep a journal of the proceedings of the Grand Tribunal, in which shall be recorded the official rules, orders and acts of the Grand Tribunal both in term time and vacation. Such journal when approved by the Tribunal and signed by the Chief Tribune, shall be the official record of the Tribunal. The Recorder shall keep such other books of record and account as may be necessary or advisable for the proper record and conduct of the affairs of the Grand Tribunal and the Recorder's office. All of the books aforementioned shall constitute a part of the records of the Grand Tribunal and be subject to its directions and control.

39. At least ten days prior to any special sitting of the Grand Tribunal the Recorder shall officially notify the Grand Chancellor and parties in cases pending before it of the time when and the place where such sitting of the Grand Tribunal will be held.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

40. In all cases either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be a member of the Order in good standing.

41. All notices required to be given by these rules, may be served upon the proper attorney of record, if the party or parties be represented by attorney, to the same effect as if served upon the party or parties individually. All such notices may be served by the party whose duty it is to give notice, or at his request the same may be served by any Knight of Pythias in good standing, who shall certify in his return thereof, upon his pledge of honor as to the date, hour and manner of such service, and to his standing in the Order, and upon whose request said service has been made.

42. Proof of service of notices required to be given by these rules and the Statutes may be by the written acknowledgment of the party served; or the return, in writing, upon pledge of honor, by the party making the service, reciting the particulars of such service as to time, place, manner and parties. If the service be had by registered letter, in addition to the return aforesaid, all registry receipts must be attached thereto.

43. The records of the Grand Tribunal, including files of cases, shall be open to inspection by parties in interest, and in no case shall the records be removed or the files withdrawn, in whole or in part, from the office of the Recorder except upon the order of the Grand Tribunal, or the written order of a Grand Tribune.

44. The regular sittings of the Grand Tribunal shall be held on the day just prior to the first session of the convention of the Grand Lodge in each year at ten o'clock A. M., and shall be held at the place of holding the Grand Lodge convention for that year.

45. Special sittings may be called by the Chief Tribune at such other times and places as in his discretion may be necessary for the dispatch of business, and shall be so called by him when requested so to do by three Tribunes.

46. Testimony for use upon a trial before the Grand Tribunal may be either oral or by depositions. Depositions may be taken upon reasonable notice to the adverse party or parties of the time and place of taking the same, or upon commission with interrogatories attached. A commission may be issued by the Recorder upon the same notice, and in the same manner as provided by the Code of Iowa for the issuance of a commission to take depositions in civil cases. A commissioner to take such depositions shall be appointed in writing by a Grand Tribune; *provided*, that such commissioner must be a Past Chancellor of the Order.

47. Members of the Order shall testify under the obligation as set out in Section 379 of the Statute, which may be administered by a Tribune, or by the Recorder. When a member of the Order gives his testimony by deposition, the said obligation shall be administered to him by the commissioner taking the testimony.

48. The foregoing rules may be amended, changed, modified, repealed or suspended at the discretion of the Grand Tribunal.

H. T. GRANGER,
Chief Tribune.
E. W. WEEKS,
J. U. SAMMIS,
J. B. WHITE,
B. MURPHY,
Grand Tribunes.

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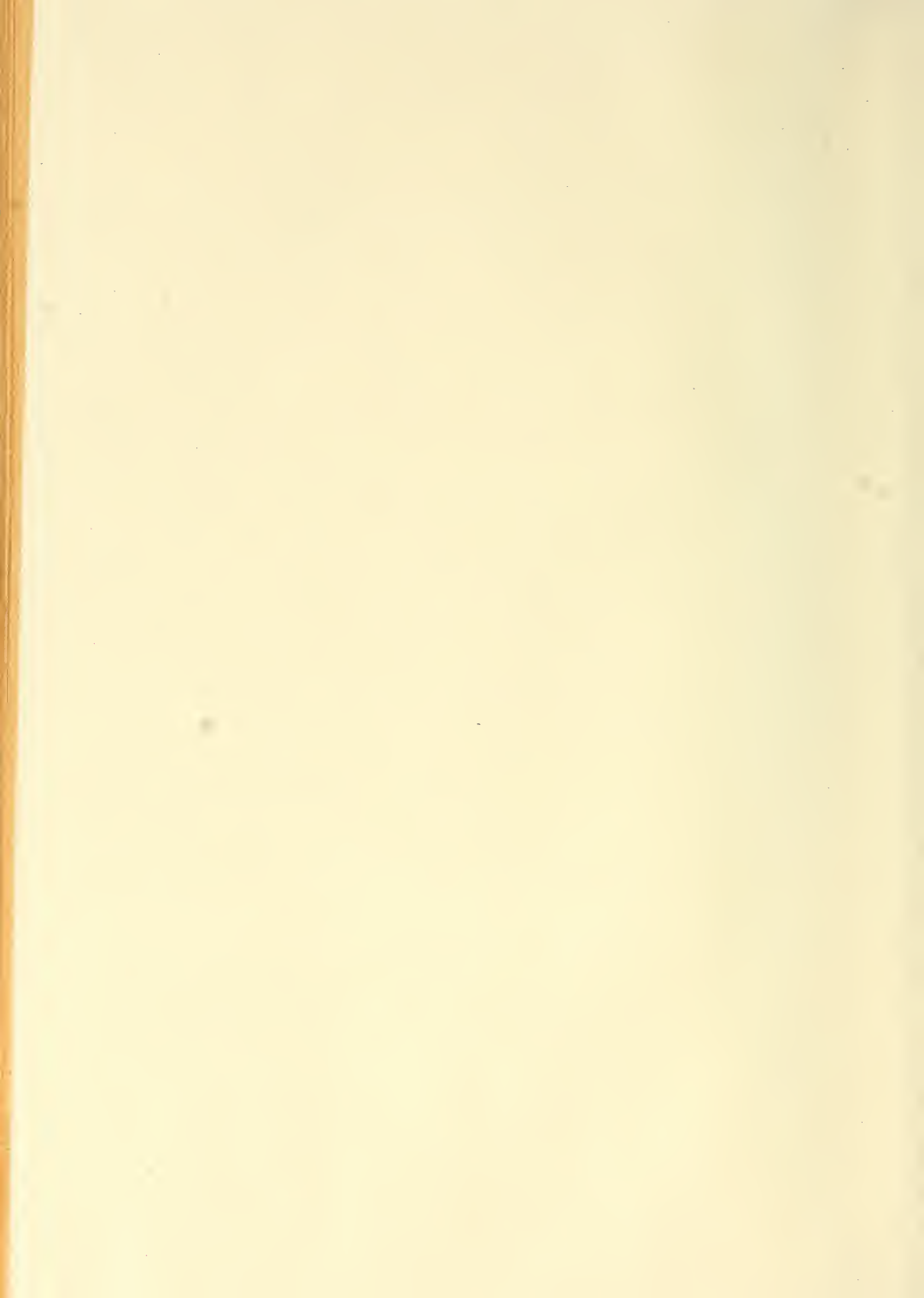
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